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# Comparison of electron scattering by acoustic-phonons in two types of quantum wells with GaAs and GaN materials

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In this work, we report a detailed comparison of electron–acoustic-phonon (EAP) interaction strength in symmetric (parabolic) and asymmetric (semi-parabolic) quantum-wells (QWs) for both GaAs and GaN materials. The operator projection method will be utilized to calculate the acoustic-phonon-assisted cyclotron resonance (CR) absorption power. The EAP interaction strength is determined by measuring the full width at half maximum (FWHM) of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption peak based on the profile of the curve describing the dependence of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power on the photon energy. The studied result reveals that the EAP interaction strengths in the symmetric and asymmetric QWs are functions of the electron temperature (ET), external magnetic field (EMF), and confined potential frequency (CPF). Namely, the larger the ET, the EMF, and the CPF, the stronger the EAP interaction strengths in the symmetric and asymmetric QWs are for both GaN and GaAs materials. More importantly, the obtained result demonstrates that under the influence of the structural (CPF) and external (ET and EMF) parameters, the EAP interaction strength in the symmetric QW is always much stronger than that in the asymmetric QW for both GaN and GaAs materials. Simultaneously, the EAP interaction strength in the GaN material is much stronger than that in the GaAs material for both the symmetric and asymmetric QWs.

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## 1. Introduction

In recent years, quasi-two-dimensional (Q2D) electronic systems have been the subject of numerous theoretical and experimental studies. The transportation properties of 2D electrons are gaining significant interest due to the implementation of advanced manufacturing techniques such as molecular-beam epitaxy. These electrons are restricted by confining potential barriers only a few tens of angstroms apart.<sup>1</sup> It is widely recognized that layered structures exhibit unique effects when the thickness of the semiconductor layer is less than 100 angstroms. Q2D materials have many allotropes with unique properties, making them useful for various practical applications, including bio-applications, topological spintronics, optoelectronics, electronics, and energy devices.<sup>2,3</sup> Scaling down the Q2D structures' thickness to only a few

atomical layers results in significant changes to their optoelectronic properties, including the transition of the indirect-to-direct band-gap.<sup>4,5</sup> These effects are related to the movement of the charge carrier and can occur parallel to the semiconductor layer interface or in a direction perpendicular to the semiconductor layer. There are several proposed uses for mesoscopic electronic-structures that involve the transportation of carriers at low-energies and-temperatures. One often encounters regimes where dimensional confining drastically affects the phase space. At low temperatures, the scattering of electrons can be dominated by acoustic phonons instead of optical phonons. It has been concluded that the EAP interaction is more common than the el–optical-ph interaction at temperatures below 200 K.<sup>6,7</sup> This is due to the enhanced role that acoustic phonons play in electron scattering at such temperatures.<sup>8</sup> Furthermore, Q2D structures with phase-space restrictions, which are possible, may forbid or weaken processes of carrier scattering caused by optical phonons, especially longitudinal optical (LO) phonons would over dominate in bulk structure semiconductors. In the past decade, there have been many extensive literature studies on the dimensional-confining role in modifying LO-modes and charge carriers' interactions caused by LO-phonon modes in mesoscopic and nanoscale structure semiconductors.<sup>9–11</sup> In the past few years, noteworthy studies on physics have discussed the crucial significance of constraining the dimensions of electronic systems by modifying

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LO modes in Q2D heterostructures. Additionally, these studies explore the interactions between LO-phonons and charge carriers in semiconductor structures at the mesoscopic and nano-scale levels.<sup>8</sup> When studying Q2D structures, it's important to note that the electron interaction with phonons, specifically the LO-phonon, is more intense than that with photons. This leads us to believe that the LO-phonon could play a crucial role in the creation and recognition of terahertz signals.<sup>12</sup> The interaction between electrons and LO-phonons in heterostructures is greatly impacted by changes in the Fröhlich Hamiltonian. These changes are due to the significant alterations in the wave function of the charge carrier in nanoscale structures caused by the confinement potential.<sup>13,14</sup> In recent years, magneto-phonon resonance (MPR) has become a subject of significant interest after Gurevich and Firsov's pioneering research.<sup>15–24</sup> MPR is an effective spectroscopic tool for examining the carrier transport behavior in Q2D and semiconductor bulk-structures. By utilizing the MPR effect, we can gather valuable data on band structure parameters including energy levels and effective mass of an electron, as well as its interaction with phonons.<sup>18</sup> Resonant scattering can occur due to the emission/absorption of phonons as two Landau-levels (LLs) are separated by the same amount of energy as that of the phonon.<sup>17</sup> Currently, there are ongoing investigations into Q2D electronic systems that utilize QW structures. These structures have optoelectronic features that serve as the foundation for developing infrared detectors. To develop new devices with high quality, significant changes in the electronic energy of quantum states are necessary. To create new optoelectronic devices, an EF can be applied along the growing direction of Q2D structures. This induces polarization of the charge distribution of electrons in such structures, allowing for the fabrication of innovative and high-quality devices<sup>25–29</sup> such as optoelectronic devices as well as heterostructure semiconductors which include quantum dots, wires, wells, *etc.* The significance of certain physical objects in contemporary construction is highlighted by the information provided in these materials. Currently, significant research studies are being conducted on QW-based systems, which possess optoelectronic properties crucial for advancing infrared detector as well as far infrared detectors. On the other hand, the interactions of acoustic phonons with charge carriers and their modes may be modified by the dimensional-confining role; however, at the moment there are fairly few treatments for dealing with this problem.<sup>30,31</sup> Although at present there are many extensive literature studies on the acoustic phonon theory in related structures, resonators, and conventional wave-guides, few efforts have been investigated in detail on formulating an acoustic phonon theory in Q2D structure semiconductors, where both the quantum mechanical treatments of the normalization of phonons and the confinement of phonons are essential. Such theoretical treatments are very necessary, and very recently, they have been proven by experimental investigations providing both indirect and direct information on the very important roles of the confinement of acoustic phonons in Q2D structure semiconductors.<sup>32,33</sup> Many nano-structure semiconductors have been proposed in the past years; free-standing QWs and free-standing QWIs are among such structure

semiconductors. Free-standing QWs and QWIs include thin semiconductor rods and thin slabs of the semiconductor will be connected strongly to the substrate of the semiconductor by the side with the smallest cross-section. Ideal free-standing QWs and QWIs function as electron waveguides that possess distinct characteristics from traditional quantum-structures.<sup>34</sup> Electrons in these wave-guides will have fairly high confined potential barriers, wherefore novel effects that are related significantly to hot but quantized charge carriers are possible. Therefore, phonons in these structures will also be considerably modified, and at the same time, the acoustic phonon spectrum will also be quantized strongly. In recent experimental investigations for AuPd quantum wires and wells, the author showed that the transport properties of charge carriers are affected strongly *via* the quantization of the acoustic-phonon spectrum.<sup>35,36</sup> Gaining a deeper comprehension of the AP modes within QWs and QWIs is necessary. These phonons' spectrum may be considerable for several of the nondestructive techniques of microstructure diagnostics where the propagation of these phonons is also employed.<sup>37,38</sup> In recent years there has been considerable interest in the electron–acoustic-phonon interaction in QW structures such as the PACR in a free-standing QW that has been studied by J. S. Bhat *et al.*,<sup>39</sup> the energy loss rate of hot charge carriers caused by confining acoustic-phonons in the QW structure has also been reported by J. S. Bhat *et al.*,<sup>40</sup> the CR line-widths due to electron-acoustic phonon interaction in a QW have been examined by N. L. Kang *et al.*,<sup>41</sup> the PACR in QWs *via* the absorption of multi-photons<sup>42</sup> and the confined-acoustic-PACR *via* absorption of multi-photon in GaAs QW structure<sup>43</sup> have been studied by H. V. Phuc *et al.* However, in these studies, the influence of the potential shape on the FWHM due to EAP interaction has not been taken into account in detail. Besides, we have also examined the scattering process of inter-and intra-subband electrons due to acoustic phonons in a rectangular QW; the result shows that the contribution from the acoustic modes to the intrasubband electron scattering process is more dominant than that of the intersubband one.<sup>44</sup> Based on the research results by the authors which have been previously published as mentioned above, we can see that the comparison of the contribution of acoustic phonons to the intensity of electron scattering between the various confined potentials of a QW for various materials with the help of the projection-operator method has not received much research attention in the last few decades. Therefore, to better understand the importance of acoustic phonons in hetero-structure semiconductors such as quantum wells, the further performance of an investigation of comparison of EAP interaction strength in the symmetric (parabolic) and the asymmetric (semi-parabolic) quantum wells for both kinds of materials GaAs and GaN is very necessary and useful nowadays. The main aim of this investigation is to conduct a detailed investigation of the comparison of EAP interaction strength in parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for both kinds of materials GaAs and GaN. The operator-projection method will be utilized to calculate the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power. The EAP interaction strength is determined in the present study by measuring the FWHM of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR-absorption peak



based on the profile of the curve describing the  $\hbar\omega$ -dependence of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR-absorption power. The theoretical analysis presented in this study will add the analytical results of the matrix elements of the EAP interaction, as well as a considerable discrepancy in the CR-absorption power and the spectral FWHM in the parabolic and semi-parabolic wells for both GaAs and GaN materials to the current literature. Additionally, this study's findings could offer valuable insights into the physical characteristics of electron systems within parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for both GaAs and GaN materials due to the EAP interaction. These findings may contribute to semiconductor materials science and electronics/optoelectronics manufacturing. Furthermore, the outcomes of this research contribute to verifying the reliability of the methods used when examining quantum transport phenomena in semiconductors, especially in the case of QWs. The outline of this investigation is: Section 2 presents a basic formalism that is related to parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs, including the quantum confinement potential, the wave-function, the energy of the charge carrier in the two above QW models, and the EAP interaction matrix element in these two models. We have conducted a thorough analytical computation of the absorption power for acoustic-phonon-assisted CR in both parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs in Section 3. Section 4 presents the numerical results and corresponding discussions on the EAP interaction strength in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs. Finally, the conclusion is presented in Section 5.

## 2. Electron–acoustic-phonon interaction matrix elements in parabolic and semi-parabolic quantum wells

### 2.1. The confining potential, the wave function, and the energy of the electron in the semiparabolic and parabolic QWs

We consider the two QW models that are parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs where charge carriers in both the  $y$ - and  $x$ -directions are considered to be free. The charge carrier confinement in the  $z$ -direction of the parabolic and semiparabolic QW models is characterized using the two terms  $U^P(z)$  and  $U^S(z)$ , respectively. Applying an EMF which is given by  $\mathbf{B} = Bz$  to the two quantum-well models and at the same time utilizing the approximation model of the electronic effective mass in the conduction band, the eigenfunction  $\Psi_{Nn}$  is revealed as follows:<sup>23,24,45,46</sup>

$$\Phi(n, \ell) = L_y^{-1/2} \varphi_n(x - x_0) e^{ik_y y} \chi_\ell(z), \quad (1)$$

In the expression of  $\Phi(n, \ell)$ , the symbols are explained as follows:  $n$ ,  $\ell$ , and  $\varphi_n(x - x_0)$  stand for the Landau levels (LLs), electrical sub-band levels, and the harmonic-oscillator function of the charge carrier in the semiparabolic and parabolic QW models, centred at  $x_0 = -\zeta_c^2 k_y$ , in which  $\zeta_c = \sqrt{\hbar c / (|e|B)}$  reveals the cyclotron radius. The electronic wave-function in the  $z$ -axis is symbolized by  $\chi_\ell(z)$  that depends on the confining potential  $U(z)$ . The form of the potential describes the quantum confining potential of the electrons in a quantum well and is closely

related to the quantum-well geometry shape. The electronic wave-functions are different for different confining potentials.

For the parabolic confinement potential:

In the case of this potential, the term  $U^P(z)$  is revealed by<sup>47–50</sup>

$$U^P(z) = m^* (\omega_z^P)^2 z^2 / 2, \quad (2)$$

where  $m^*$  and  $\omega_z^P$  are symbols of the effective mass of the charge-carrier and the characteristic confining frequency of the parabolic-well electron. In this case, the eigenfunctions ( $\chi_\ell^P(z)$ ) and the corresponding eigenvalues ( $E_{n,\ell}^P$ ) of the parabolic-well electron are given by

$$\chi_\ell^P(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^\ell \ell! \sqrt{\pi} \lambda_z}} \exp\left(-\frac{z^2}{2\lambda_z^2}\right) H_\ell\left(\frac{z}{\lambda_z}\right), \quad (3)$$

and

$$E_{n,\ell}^P = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hbar\omega_B + \left(\ell + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hbar\omega_z^P, \quad (4)$$

where the Hermite polynomials of order  $\ell$  are symbolized by  $H_\ell(z/\lambda_z)$ ,  $\ell = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $\lambda_z = (\hbar/(m^* \omega_z^P))^{1/2}$ .  $\omega_c = |e|B/(m^*c)$  is the cyclotron frequency in which  $e$  is the electron charge.

For the semi-parabolic confinement potential:

In the case of this potential, the term  $U^S(z)$  is revealed as<sup>51–53</sup>

$$U^S(z) = \begin{cases} m^* (\omega_z^S)^2 z^2 / 2, & z \geq 0, \\ \infty, & z < 0, \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

where  $\omega_z^S$  is the symbol of the characteristic confining frequency of the semi-parabolic-well electron. In this case, the eigenfunctions ( $\chi_\ell^S(z)$ ) and the corresponding eigenvalues ( $E_{n,\ell}^S$ ) of the semi-parabolic-well electron are given by

$$\chi_\ell^S(z) = A_\ell \exp\left(-\frac{z^2}{2\lambda_z^2}\right) H_{2\ell+1}\left(\frac{z}{\lambda_z}\right), \quad (6)$$

and

$$E_{n,\ell}^S = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hbar\omega_B + \left(2\ell + \frac{3}{2}\right) \hbar\omega_z^S, \quad (7)$$

Here, the normalization factor is symbolized by  $A_n$ , and it takes the form

$$A_\ell = \left\{ \int_0^\infty \exp\left(-\frac{z^2}{\lambda_z^2}\right) \left[ H_{2\ell+1}\left(\frac{z}{\lambda_z}\right) \right]^2 dz \right\}^{-1/2}, \quad (8)$$

where Hermite polynomials of order  $(2\ell + 1)$  are displayed using  $H_{2\ell+1}(z/\lambda_z)$ .

### 2.2. Electron–acoustic-phonon interaction matrix elements in parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs

We consider the matrix-element of EAP interaction in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs which takes the form<sup>23,45,54–59</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \langle i | H_{e-ap} | f \rangle \right|^2 = \frac{\hbar \theta^2 q}{2\rho v \Omega} \left| \mathcal{I}_{\ell_i, \ell_f}^{P/S}(q_z) \right|^2 \left| J_{n_i, n_f}(\lambda) \right|^2 \\ & \times \delta(k_\perp^i, k_\perp^f \pm q_\perp), \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$



where  $\theta$ ,  $\rho$ , and  $\vartheta$  stand respectively for the deformation potential constant, the material mass density, and the sound velocity in the material. The factors  $\mathcal{Q}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$  respectively are the quantum-well's volume and the wave-vector of the acoustic-phonon. Finally, the two terms include  $\mathcal{F}_{\ell_i, \ell_f}(q_z)$  and  $|J_{n_i, n_f}(\lambda)|^2$  in eqn (9), and they take the form:

$$\mathcal{I}_{\ell_i, \ell_f}^P(q_z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \chi_{\ell_i}^P(z) e^{iq_z z} \chi_{\ell_f}^P(z) dz \quad (10)$$

for the parabolic QW and

$$\mathcal{I}_{\ell_i, \ell_f}^S(q_z) = \int_0^{\infty} \chi_{\ell_i}^S(z) e^{iq_z z} \chi_{\ell_f}^S(z) dz \quad (11)$$

for the semi-parabolic QW, and

$$|J_{n_i, n_f}(\lambda)|^2 = \frac{n_2! e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{n_1 - n_2}}{n_1!} [L_{n_2}^{n_1 - n_2}(\lambda)]^2 \quad (12)$$

where  $L_{n_2}^{n_1 - n_2}(\lambda)$  is the Laguerre polynomial with  $\lambda = \zeta_c^2 q_{\perp}^2 / 2$ ,  $n_1 = \max\{n_i, n_f\}$ , and  $n_2 = \min\{n_i, n_f\}$ . The two terms  $\mathcal{I}_{\ell_i, \ell_f}^P(q_z)$  and  $\mathcal{I}_{\ell_i, \ell_f}^S(q_z)$  are the overlap integrals of the EAP interaction in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs, respectively.

### 3. Analytical computation of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power in both the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs

In this section, the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power in both the parabolic and semiparabolic QWs under the effect of an EMF will be computed in detail, where electronic systems in both the semiparabolic and parabolic QWs are placed in the EMF which is polarized circularly in the  $y - x$  plane. Here, we assume that the EMF has an amplitude of  $E_0$  and a frequency of  $\omega$ , and at the same time the EMF is incident upon the parabolic and semi-parabolic QW electron systems that are considered to be confined in the  $z$ -axis. Then, the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power in both the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs is presented by<sup>60,61</sup>

$$P(\omega) = E_0^2 \text{Re}\{\gamma_{+-}(\omega)\} / 2, \quad (13)$$

In expression (13), the conductivity tensor (CT) of the semi-parabolic and parabolic QW electron systems with the real part is set by  $\text{Re}\{\gamma_{+-}(\omega)\}$  that is caused by the EAP interaction under the effect of the EMF. In the next step in this work, we will perform a detailed calculation of the term  $\text{Re}\{\gamma_{+-}(\omega)\}$  in eqn (13). Under the considerable effect of the EMF, the CT of the parabolic and semi-parabolic QW electron systems,  $\gamma_{+-}(\omega)$ , is revealed using the following equation<sup>60-63</sup>

$$\gamma_{+-}(\omega) = \frac{i}{\omega} \lim_{d \rightarrow 0^+} \sum_{\tau} (j_{\tau}^+)^* T_{\mathbf{R}} \left\{ \rho_0(H) \left[ (\hbar\bar{\omega} - \mathcal{L})^{-1} \xi_{\tau}^+, a_{\tau}^+ a_{\tau+1} \right] \right\}, \quad (14)$$

where  $\sum_{\tau} \dots \rightarrow \sum_n \sum_{\ell} \dots$ ,  $j_{\tau}^+ = -ie\sqrt{2(n_{\tau} + 1)\hbar\omega_c/m^*}$ .  $T_{\mathbf{R}}$  and  $\rho_0(H)$  are the many body traces and the electronic density

operator.  $\bar{\omega} = \omega - id$  with  $d \rightarrow 0^+$  and  $\xi_{\tau}^+ = \xi_x + i\xi_y$  stands for the electronic current-operator, and  $a_{\tau}^+/a_{\tau+1}$  stands for the operators for an electronic creation/annihilation. The relation of the Liouville operator  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_d + \mathcal{L}_v$  is directly related to the relation of the Hamiltonian  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_d + \nu$ , in which the first term,  $\mathcal{H}_d$ , and the second term,  $\nu$ , are respectively the unperturbed component and perturbed component. When a QW is subjected to an EMF in the  $z$ -axis, the  $\mathcal{H}$  of this quantum system can be expressed as:

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_d + \nu = \mathcal{H}_e + \mathcal{H}_p + \nu. \quad (15)$$

where  $\mathcal{H}_e$  and  $\mathcal{H}_p$  take the form

$$\mathcal{H}_e = \sum_{\tau} \zeta_{\tau} a_{\tau}^+ a_{\tau}, \quad \mathcal{H}_p = \sum_q \hbar\omega_q b_q^+ b_q, \quad (16)$$

and  $\nu$  is given by

$$\nu = \sum_q \sum_{\tau, \nu} \mathcal{C}_{\tau, \nu}(q) a_{\tau}^+ a_{\nu} (b_q + b_{-q}^+). \quad (17)$$

Here,  $b_q^+/b_q$  reveals the operator for a phonon creation/annihilation. In eqn (17), the matrix-element for el-ph interaction is denoted by  $\mathcal{C}_{\tau, \nu}(q)$ , given by

$$\mathcal{C}_{\tau, \nu}(q) = \nu_q \langle \tau | e^{iq \cdot \mathbf{r}} | \nu \rangle, \quad (18)$$

with  $\nu_q$  being the coupling factor.

In the present investigation, we used the operator projection (OP) method to study the CR absorption power in parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs with acoustic-phonon assistance. When it comes to MO transition problems, the OP method is a popular approach. This is because the MO-conductivity formalisms make the linear response theory acceptable. The weak time-dependent perturbation caused by electromagnetic radiation is a contributing factor. Moreover, the significant advantage of this method is that it allows us to obtain the explicit line-width function expression, as presented in eqn (26) and (A.2), where their terms can describe the able transitions of an electron in QWs with obvious physical meaning. This method expression is defined as

$$P_{\tau} \mathcal{X} = \frac{\langle \mathcal{X} \rangle_{\tau} \xi_{\tau}^+}{\langle \xi_{\tau}^+ \rangle_{\tau}} \text{ and } Q_{\tau} = 1 - P_{\tau}, \quad (19)$$

where  $\mathcal{X}$  is an arbitrary operator, and  $\langle \mathcal{X} \rangle_{\tau}$  is defined by

$$\langle \mathcal{X} \rangle_{\tau} = T_{\mathbf{R}} \left\{ \rho_0(H) [\mathcal{X}, a_{\tau}^+ a_{\tau+1}] \right\}. \quad (20)$$

Using the relation which is given by eqn (20), we rewrite eqn (14) as:

$$\gamma_{+-}(\omega) = \frac{i}{\omega} \lim_{d \rightarrow 0^+} \sum_{\tau} (j_{\tau}^+)^* \left\langle \xi_{\tau}^+ (\hbar\bar{\omega} - \mathcal{L})^{-1} \right\rangle_{\tau}. \quad (21)$$

In the next step, the term  $\xi_{\tau}^+ (\hbar\bar{\omega} - \mathcal{L})^{-1}$  in eqn (21) will be computed based on the relation:  $(A - B)^{-1} = A^{-1} + A^{-1}B(A - B)^{-1}$  and eqn (19). Finally, we obtained



$$\gamma_{+-}(\omega) = \frac{i}{\hbar\omega} \lim_{d \rightarrow 0^+} \sum_{\tau} |j_{\tau}^+|^2 \frac{[f_{\tau+1}(E_{\tau}) - f_{\tau}(E_{\tau})]}{\bar{\omega} - \omega_B - \mathcal{A}_{\tau}(\bar{\omega})}, \quad (22)$$

The Fermi level is denoted by the value of  $E_F$  in the equation represented by  $f_{\tau}(E_{\tau}) = 1/\{\exp[(E_{\tau} - E_F)/k_B T] + 1\}$ , which is the distribution function of the Fermi-Dirac function, and  $\mathcal{A}_{\tau}(\bar{\omega})$  is given by

$$\mathcal{A}_{\tau}(\bar{\omega}) = \frac{1}{\hbar(f_{\tau+1} - f_{\tau})} \times \sum_q \sum_{\nu} \left[ |C_{\tau,\nu}(q)|^2 (B_1 + B_2) + |C_{\nu,\tau+1}(q)|^2 (B_3 + B_4) \right], \quad (23)$$

Here,  $C_{\tau,\nu}(q)$  and  $C_{\nu,\tau+1}(q)$  are given by eqn (18) and the terms  $B_1$ ,  $B_2$ ,  $B_3$ , and  $B_4$  are given by eqn (A.1) of Appendix A.

In the present work, we utilize the following approximation for the acoustic phonons:  $\phi_q + 1 \approx \phi_q \approx k_B T / (\hbar\omega_q)$  where  $\omega_q = \nu q$ , and the energy of the acoustic phonon satisfies the condition  $\hbar\omega_q \ll \hbar\omega_B$ . Another important note is that  $\mathcal{A}_{\tau}(\bar{\omega})$  is the complex quantity that is because of  $\bar{\omega} = \omega - id$ . Thus, we can also write as  $\mathcal{A}_{\tau}(\bar{\omega}) = C_{\tau}(\omega) + i\mathcal{B}_{\tau}(\omega)$  where  $C_{\tau}(\omega)$  and  $\mathcal{B}_{\tau}(\omega)$  are the corresponding shift and linewidth of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR-absorption peak. In this work, however, we focus on computing the absorption-power and the FWHM because of the EAP interaction in the above quantum systems for both the GaN and GaAs materials. Hence, in the quantum limit, the term  $C_{\tau}(\omega)$  can be neglected. Finally, the explicit expression of  $\text{Re}\{\gamma_{+-}(\omega)\}$  for the semiparabolic and parabolic QW electron systems is obtained as

$$\text{Re}\{\gamma_{+-}(\omega)\} = \frac{1}{\hbar\omega} \sum_{\tau} |j_{\tau}^+|^2 \frac{\mathcal{B}_{\tau}(\omega) [f_{\tau}(E_{\tau}) - f_{\tau+1}(E_{\tau})]}{(\omega - \omega_B)^2 + [\mathcal{B}_{\tau}(\omega)]^2}, \quad (24)$$

Using eqn (24) and (13), we obtain the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power of the electron in both the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for both GaN and GaAs materials, presented by

$$P(\omega)^{P/S} = \frac{E_0^2}{2\hbar\omega} \sum_{\tau} |j_{\tau}^+|^2 \frac{\mathcal{B}_{\tau}(\omega) [f_{\tau}(E_{\tau}) - f_{\tau+1}(E_{\tau})]}{(\omega - \omega_B)^2 + [\mathcal{B}_{\tau}(\omega)^{P/S}]^2}. \quad (25)$$

By using the Dirac identity,  $\lim_{d \rightarrow 0^+} 1/(\mu - id) = p(1/\mu) + i\pi\delta(\mu)$ , and eqn (23), finally we obtain the linewidth-function expression,  $\mathcal{B}_{\tau}(\omega)$ , for the EAP interaction in both the semiparabolic and parabolic QWs for both kinds of materials GaAs and GaN as follows:

$$\mathcal{B}_{\tau}(\omega)^{P/S} = \frac{\pi}{(f_{\tau+1} - f_{\tau})} \sum_q \sum_{\nu} \left[ |C_{\tau,\nu}(q)^{P/S}|^2 (D_1 + D_2) + |C_{\tau+1,\nu}(q)^{P/S}|^2 (D_3 + D_4) \right], \quad (26)$$

where the terms  $D_1$ ,  $D_2$ ,  $D_3$ , and  $D_4$  are given by eqn (A.2) of Appendix A.

By using the approximations for the acoustic phonons which are above mentioned and the following relationship

$$\sum_q \cdots \rightarrow \frac{V}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^{\infty} q_{\perp} dq_{\perp} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dq_z \cdots \quad (27)$$

to calculate the matrix elements for the EAP interaction  $|C_{\tau,\nu}(q)|^2$  and  $|C_{\tau+1,\nu}(q)|^2$ , and related quantities in eqn (26), we finally obtain the explicit linewidth-function expression,  $\mathcal{B}_{\tau}(\omega)$ , for the EAP interaction in both the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for both GaN and GaAs materials, as given by eqn (A.3) of Appendix A. In eqn (A.3), the Dirac delta functions include  $\delta(E_1^{P/S})$  and  $\delta(E_2^{P/S})$  which will be replaced by the corresponding Lorentzians of width  $\beta_{n,n'}^{P/S}$  and  $\beta_{n+1,n'}^{P/S}$ , which are revealed by the two following equations:<sup>64</sup>

$$\delta(E_1^{P/S}) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\beta_{n,n'}^{P/S}}{(E_1^{P/S})^2 + (\beta_{n,n'}^{P/S})^2}, \quad (28)$$

$$\delta(E_2^{P/S}) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\beta_{n+1,n'}^{P/S}}{(E_2^{P/S})^2 + (\beta_{n+1,n'}^{P/S})^2}, \quad (29)$$

with the two terms  $E_1^{P/S}$  and  $E_2^{P/S}$  given by

$$E_1^P = (n' - n - 1)\hbar\omega_B + (\ell' - \ell)\hbar\omega_z^P + \hbar\omega, \quad (30)$$

$$E_2^P = (n' - n)\hbar\omega_B + (\ell' - \ell)\hbar\omega_z^P + \hbar\omega,$$

$$E_1^S = (n' - n - 1)\hbar\omega_B + 2(\ell' - \ell)\hbar\omega_z^S + \hbar\omega, \quad (31)$$

$$E_2^S = (n' - n)\hbar\omega_B + 2(\ell' - \ell)\hbar\omega_z^S + \hbar\omega,$$

and

$$\beta_{n,n'}^{P/S} = \sqrt{\frac{\theta^2 k_B T}{8\pi^2 \rho \nu^2 \zeta_c^2}} \mathcal{F}_{\ell_i, \ell_f}^{P/S}, \quad (32)$$

where

$$\mathcal{F}_{\ell_i, \ell_f}^{P/S} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\mathcal{I}_{\ell_i, \ell_f}^{P/S}(q_z)|^2 dq_z. \quad (33)$$

In order to achieve the aforementioned main aim of this work, we must calculate precisely the overlap-integral,  $\mathcal{F}_{\ell_i, \ell_f}^{P/S}$ , in eqn (33) for both the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs. After making systematical calculations, we have finally obtained the results for the parabolic and semi-parabolic wells, as shown in eqn (B.1) and (B.2) of Appendix B. Note that the overlap integral,  $\mathcal{F}_{\ell_i, \ell_f}^S$ , in expression (B.2) for the EAP interaction in the semi-parabolic QW will be numerically evaluated precisely. Utilizing the above analytic computation results, we apply appropriate computational techniques for the numerical calculations on the GaN and GaAs materials to get reliable results of the number crunching as well as the graphs in both the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs; the physical summary of the investigation of the comparison of the EAP interaction strength in parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for both GaN and GaAs materials will be provided in the below section.

## 4. Numerical results and discussion

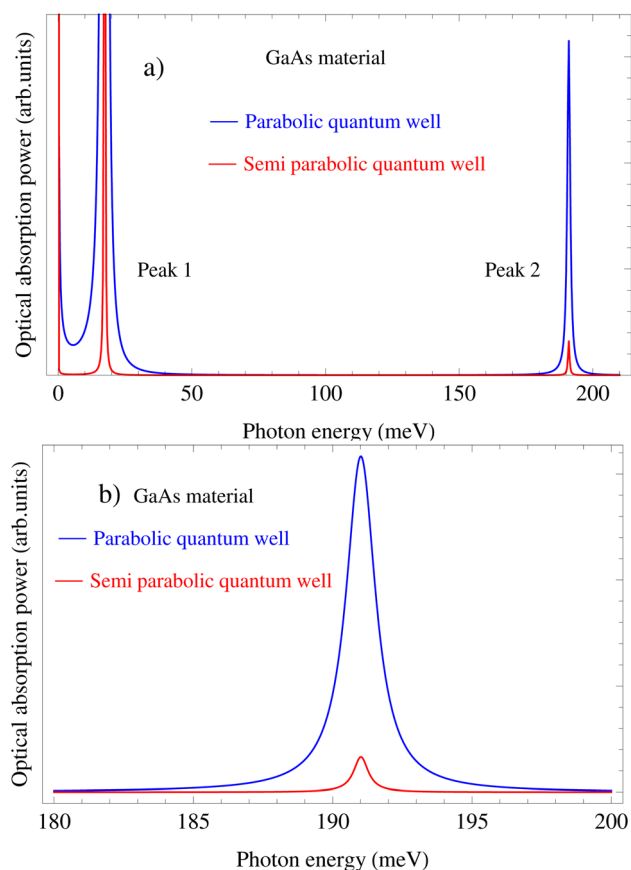
To clarify the difference in the EAP interaction strength between the symmetric (parabolic) and asymmetric (semiparabolic)



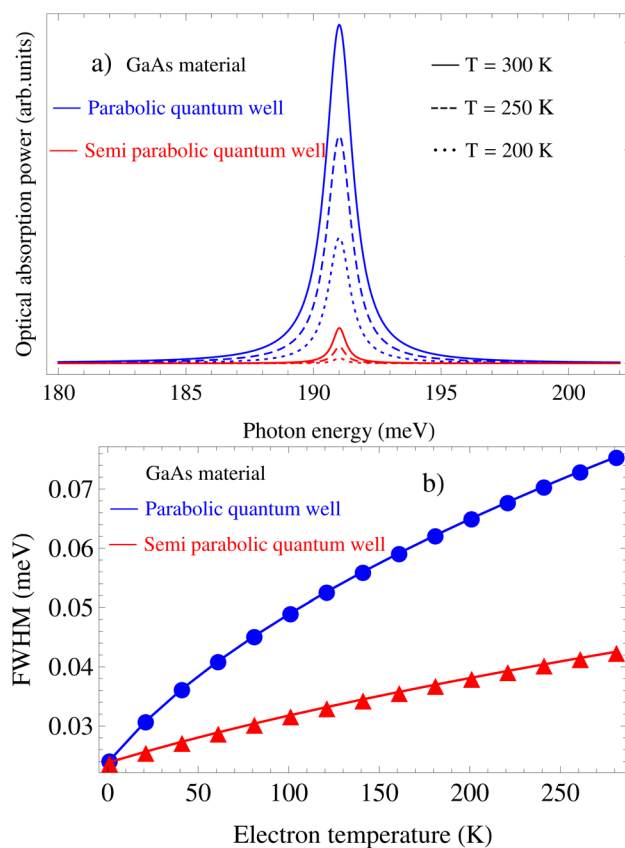
quantum-wells for both GaN and GaAs materials, the numerical calculations on the GaN and GaAs materials have been carried out with the values of parameters:<sup>40</sup>  $\theta = 12.42$  eV,  $\rho = 5.31$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\vartheta = 5.22 \times 10^5$  cm s<sup>-1</sup>, and  $m^* = 0.0667 \times m_0$  for the GaAs material and  $\theta = 10.0$  eV,  $\rho = 6.1$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\vartheta = 4.57 \times 10^5$  cm s<sup>-1</sup>, and  $m^* = 0.15 \times m_0$  for the GaN material. Finally, we obtained some important results as below:

In Fig. 1(a) and 5(a), we respectively plot the dependence of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs on the photon-energy for typical GaAs and GaN materials at a magnetic field of 10 T and an electron temperature of 300 K. Simultaneously, the dependence of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power at the CR-peak in QWs with the inter-sub-band transition (peak 2) on the photon energy in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for typical GaAs and GaN materials with an EMF of 10 T and an ET of 300 K is also revealed in Fig. 1(b) and 5(b). Here, the blue- and red-lines correspond to the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs. We easily see from the two graphs in Fig. 1(a) and 5(a)

that they have two resonant peaks which are numbered in detail from the number peak (1) to the number peak (2) with their corresponding descriptions as follows: the CR-condition is described by the equation  $\hbar\omega^{P/S} = (n' - n)\hbar\omega_c$  for both the GaAs and GaN materials in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs which is satisfied by the number peak (1) and determined using a  $\hbar\omega$  of 17.37 (meV) for a typical GaAs material and of 7.72 (meV) for a typical GaN material. This number peak (1) in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs refers to an electron at LL  $n = 0$  for both the GaAs and GaN materials that absorbs one  $\hbar\omega$  to move to LL  $n' = 1$ . The number peak (2) in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs is revealed in the two above figures which satisfy the CR-condition with an inter-sub-band transition between the levels  $\ell = 0, 1$  for both the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs and is described by the equation  $\hbar\omega^{P/S} = (n' - n)\hbar\omega_c + (\ell' - \ell)\hbar\omega_z^{P/S}$  for both the GaAs and GaN materials, and it is determined using a  $\hbar\omega$  of 191.01 (meV) for a typical GaAs material and of 84.94 (meV) for a typical GaN material. The main aim of this investigation is to carry out a detailed investigation on the comparison of the EAP interaction strength in



**Fig. 1** (a) Photon-energy ( $\hbar\omega$ ) dependence of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for a typical GaAs material at a magnetic-field of 10 T and an electron temperature of 300 K. (b) Dependence of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power at the CR-peak with the inter-sub-band transition (peak 2) on the photon energy in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for a typical GaAs material at a magnetic-field of 10 T and an electron temperature of 300 K.



**Fig. 2** (a) Photon-energy dependence of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power at the CR-peak with the inter-sub-band transition for different electron temperatures in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for a typical GaAs material at a magnetic field of 10 T. (b) Dependence of the EAP interaction strength in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for a typical GaAs material on the electron temperature at a magnetic field of 10 T.



the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for both the GaN and GaAs materials. Therefore, we only choose one of the two above peaks to examine the EAP interaction strength by measuring the FWHM of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR-absorption peak, and hence for convenience, the number peak (2) which satisfies the CR-condition with an inter-sub-band transition between the levels  $\ell = 0, 1$  for both the semiparabolic and parabolic QWs is used in order to measure the FWHM in the semiparabolic and parabolic QWs for both the GaN and GaAs materials. In addition, for convenience in the clear observability of the number peak (2) of the semiparabolic and parabolic QWs for the GaN and GaAs materials, we separated this resonance peak from those in Fig. 1(a) and 5(a) as is clearly shown in Fig. 1(b) and 5(b).

In this work, the  $\hbar\omega$ -dependence of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power at the CR-peak with the inter-sub-band transition for the different electron temperatures, the different magnetic fields, and the different confining frequencies in both the semiparabolic and parabolic QWs is plotted in Fig. 2(a), 3(a), and 4(a) for the GaAs material and in Fig. 6(a), 7(a), and 8(a) for the GaN material, respectively.

Fig. 2(a) and 6(a) show that the positions of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power at the CR-peak with the inter-sub-band transition in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for both the GaN and GaAs materials are not affected obviously by the ET of the electron; however, the ET of the electron strongly affects the strengths of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power at the CR-peak with the inter-sub-band transition in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for both the GaN and GaAs materials, *i.e.*, with the increasing ET of the electron, the positions of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power at the CR-peak with the inter-sub-band transition in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs are always unchanged for both the two types of materials GaN and GaAs, but their strengths are found to increase for both kinds of materials GaAs and GaN. The explanation of this property in the semiparabolic and parabolic QWs is that the Dirac delta functions  $\delta(E_{1,2}^{P/S})$  in eqn (A.3) which have the arguments  $E_1^P = (n' - n - 1)\hbar\omega_c + (\ell' - \ell)\hbar\omega_z^P + \hbar\omega$ ,  $E_2^P = (n' - n)\hbar\omega_c + (\ell - \ell')\hbar\omega_z^P + \hbar\omega$ , and  $E_1^S = (n' - n - 1)\hbar\omega_c + 2(\ell' - \ell)\hbar\omega_z^S + \hbar\omega$ ,  $E_2^S = (n' - n)\hbar\omega_c + 2(\ell -$

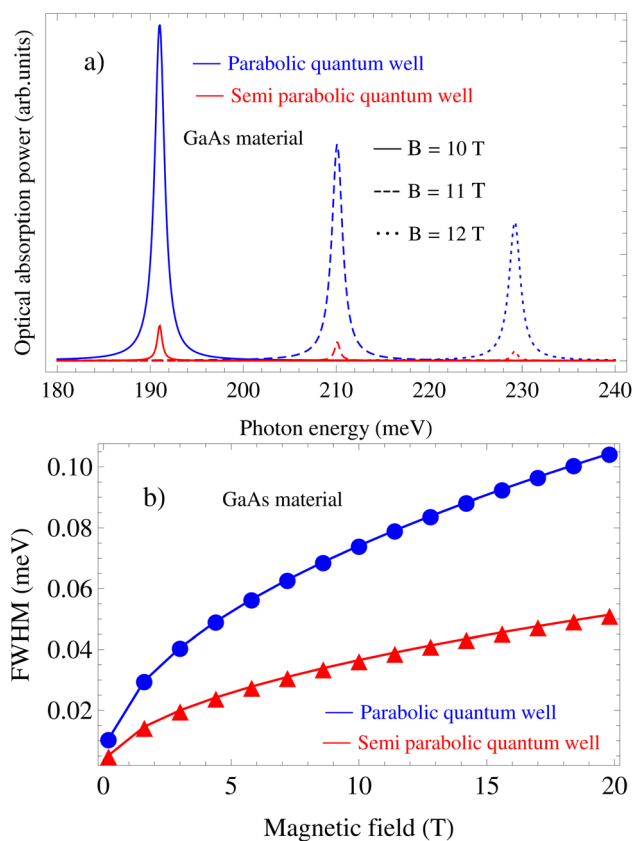


Fig. 3 (a) Photon-energy dependence of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power at the CR-peak with the inter-sub-band transition for different confining frequencies in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for a typical GaAs material at an electron temperature of 300 K. (b) Dependence of the EAP interaction strength in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for a typical GaAs material on the magnetic field at an electron temperature of 300 K.

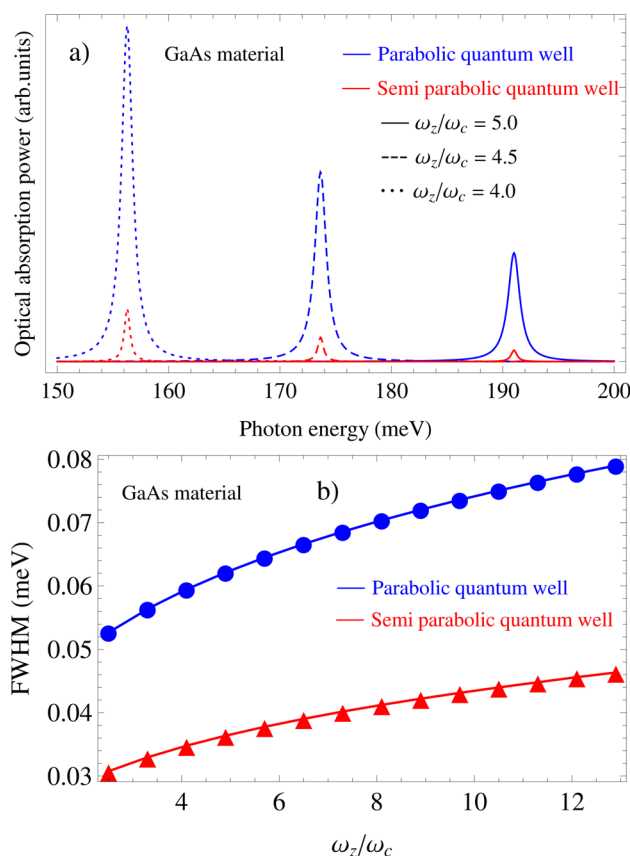


Fig. 4 (a) Photon-energy dependence of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power at the CR-peak with the inter-sub-band transition for different confining frequencies in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for a typical GaAs material at a magnetic field of 10 T and an electron temperature of 300 K. (b) Dependence of the EAP interaction strength in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for a typical GaAs material on the confining frequency at a magnetic field of 10 T and an electron temperature of 300 K.



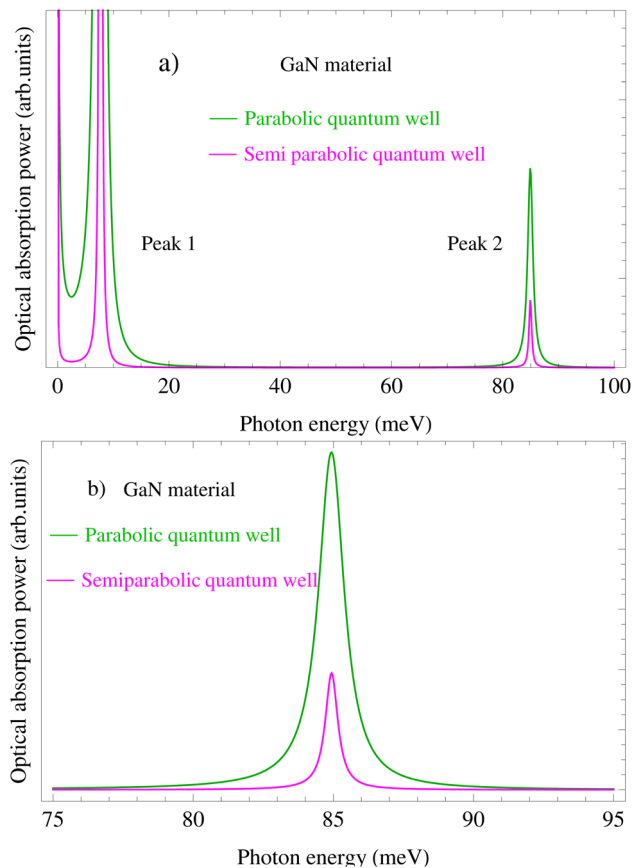


Fig. 5 (a) Photon-energy dependence of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for a typical GaN material at a magnetic field of 10 T and an electron temperature of 300 K. (b) Dependence of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power at the CR-peak with the inter-sub-band transition (peak 2) on the photon energy in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for a typical GaN material at a magnetic field of 10 T and an electron temperature of 300 K.

$\ell')\hbar\omega_z^S + \hbar\omega$  as shown in eqn (30) and (31) are found clearly to not include  $T$  of the electron, while the distribution functions of the acoustic phonon  $\phi_{\mathbf{q}+1} \approx \phi_{\mathbf{q}} \approx k_{\text{B}}T/(\hbar\omega_{\mathbf{q}})$  in both the two types of materials GaN and GaAs and of the confinement electron,  $f_{n,\ell}$ , by the parabolic and semi-parabolic potentials together contain ET of the electron. On the other hand, as the ET of the semi-parabolic and parabolic QW systems increases, the strength of the interaction between electrons and acoustic phonons also increases. This implies that the scattering probability increases with the ET. Another very important point is that under the influence of the electronic temperature, the intensity of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power at the CR-peak with the inter-sub-band transition in both kinds of materials GaAs and GaN of the parabolic potential QW is always more strong than that of the semi-parabolic potential QW. The explanation for this property is that the parabolic potential QW is a symmetric system while the semi-parabolic potential QW is an asymmetric one. This property will be useful for several potential application investigations for optoelectronic devices.

Moreover, Fig. 3(a), 7(a), 4(a), and 8(a) show that the positions of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power at the CR-peak with the inter-sub-band transition in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for both the GaN and GaAs materials are obviously affected by the external magnetic field (EMF) and the confined potential frequency (CPF), *i.e.*, with the increasing-EMF as well as the increasing-CPF, the positions and strengths of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power at the CR-peak with the inter-sub-band transition in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs respectively are blue-shifted considerably and decrease strongly for both kinds of materials GaAs and GaN. This is the reason for the CR-condition with an inter-sub-band transition between the levels  $\ell = 0, 1$  for both the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs and is described by the equation  $\hbar\omega^{P/S} = (n' - n)\hbar\omega_c + (\ell' - \ell)\hbar\omega_z^{P/S}$  for both the GaAs and GaN materials. This equation demonstrated that the CR-condition with an inter-sub-band transition between the levels  $\ell = 0, 1$  for both the GaN and GaAs materials in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs explicitly depend on both the magnetic field and confined potential frequency, and at the same time the photon energies are absorbed by the confined electron in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs at these CR-peaks with an inter-sub-band transition are directly proportional to both the magnetic field and confined potential frequency wherefore with the increasing-EMF as well as the increasing-CPF, the positions and strengths of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power at the CR-peak with the inter-sub-band transition in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs are blue-shifted remarkably and strongly decreased, respectively for both kinds of materials GaAs and GaN. In addition, the increase of the EMF and the CPF yields an increment in the strengths of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power at the CR-peak with the inter-sub-band transition in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs because the EAP scattering probability augments for both the GaN and GaAs materials.

In order to clarify the significant contribution from acoustic-phonon mode to the EAP interaction strength in the semi-parabolic and parabolic QWs under the influence of the ET, EMF, and CPF, we plotted the corresponding graphs as shown in Fig. 2(b), 3(b), and 4(b) for the GaAs material and in Fig. 6(b), 7(b), and 8(b) for the GaN material. In this work, the spectral FWHM is investigated in the large range of the ET, EMF, and CPF parameters, including 77 K and 300 K, 5 T and 10 T, and  $\omega_z = \omega_c$  with the expectation that optoelectronic device applications can benefit from information on the above two QWs. Additionally, these findings may serve as an orientation for future experimental research. The dependence of the EAP interaction strength in both the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for the corresponding GaAs and GaN materials on the electron temperature at a magnetic field of 10 T is revealed in Fig. 2(b) and 6(b). Besides, Fig. 3(b) and 7(b) reveal the dependence of the EAP interaction strength in both the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for the corresponding GaAs and GaN materials on the EMF at an electron temperature of 300 K. In addition, Fig. 4(b) and 8(b) refer to the dependence of the EAP interaction strength in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for the corresponding GaAs and GaN materials on the confining



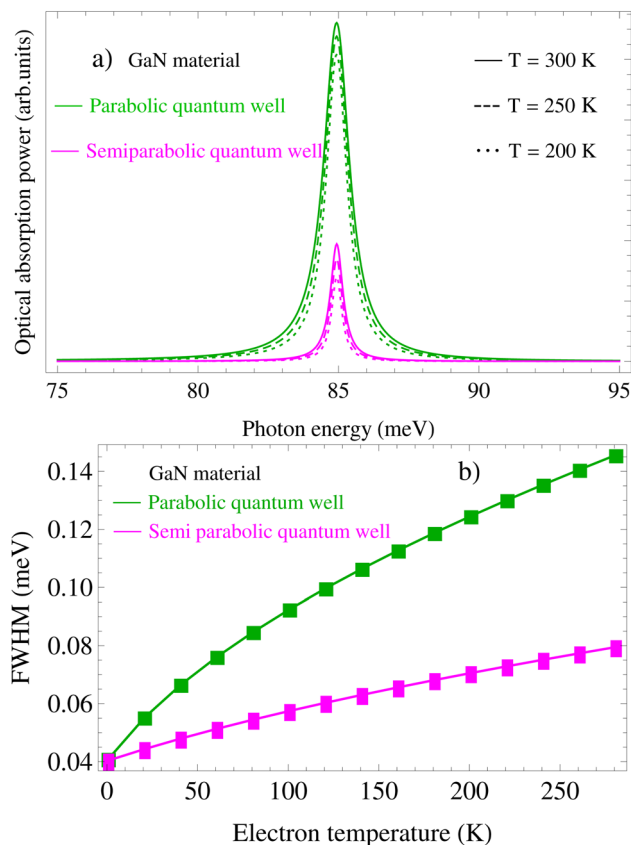


Fig. 6 (a) Photon-energy dependence of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power at the CR-peak with the inter-sub-band transition for different electron temperatures in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for a typical GaN material at a magnetic field of 10 T. (b) Dependence of the EAP interaction strength in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for a typical GaN material on the electron temperature at a magnetic field of 10 T.

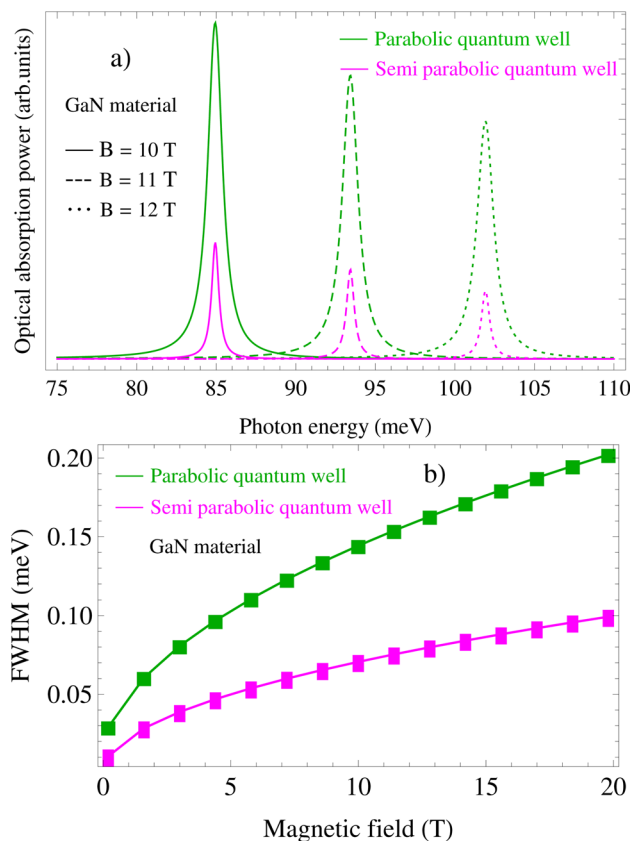


Fig. 7 (a) Photon-energy dependence of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power at the CR-peak with the inter-sub-band transition for different magnetic fields in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for a typical GaN material at an electron temperature of 300 K. (b) Dependence of the EAP interaction strength in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for a typical GaN material on the magnetic field at an electron temperature of 300 K.

frequency at an EMF of 10 T and an ET of 300 K. Based on the obtained graphs, we can remark that the EAP interaction strength in the semiparabolic and parabolic QWs under the influence of the ET, EMF, and CPC always augments as the ET, the EMF, and the CPF increase for both kinds of materials GaAs and GaN. This is because the increasing ET, the increasing EMF and the increasing CPF will yield an increment in the EAP scattering probability in both the GaN and GaAs materials. In comparison with the previous experimental research studies as shown in ref. 65–71, our results are found to be consistent with them. In addition, the EAP interaction strength in the semi-parabolic and parabolic QWs always augments as the confining frequency of the symmetric (parabolic) and asymmetric (semi-parabolic) potential increases for both kinds of materials GaAs and GaN; this is because the quantum confinement intensity of the symmetric and asymmetric QW electrons will be stronger when increasing their confining frequencies. In comparison with the previous experimental research studies as shown in ref. 65, 68, and 72–74, our results are found to be well consistent with them. Moreover, Fig. 3(b)

and 7(b) reveal that the EAP interaction strength in both the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for both the GaAs and GaN materials always augments as the EMF increases. This is because the EMF-dependence of the  $\zeta_c$  cyclotron radius through the equation of  $\zeta_c = \hbar\sqrt{1/(m^*\Theta_B)}$  where  $\Theta_B = e\hbar B/m^*$ . Thus, the augmentation of the EMF will yield a decrement in  $\zeta_c = \hbar\sqrt{1/(m^*\Theta_B)}$ , which brings an increment in the electronic confinement intensity in the semiparabolic and parabolic QWs for both kinds of materials GaAs and GaN, and hence the EAP scattering probability in the semi-parabolic and parabolic QWs for both kinds of materials GaAs and GaN increases, wherefore the EAP interaction strength in the semi-parabolic and parabolic QWs increases obviously with the increasing EMF for both kinds of materials GaAs and GaN. In comparison with the previous experimental research studies as shown in ref. 65 and 72, our results are found to be well consistent with them. In particular, by comparing the EAP interaction strength between the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for both the GaAs and GaN materials as shown in Fig. 2(b), 3(b), and 4(b) for the GaAs material and in Fig. 6(b), 7(b), and 8(b) for the GaN material, we realize that there is a remarkable difference in the EAP interaction strength between



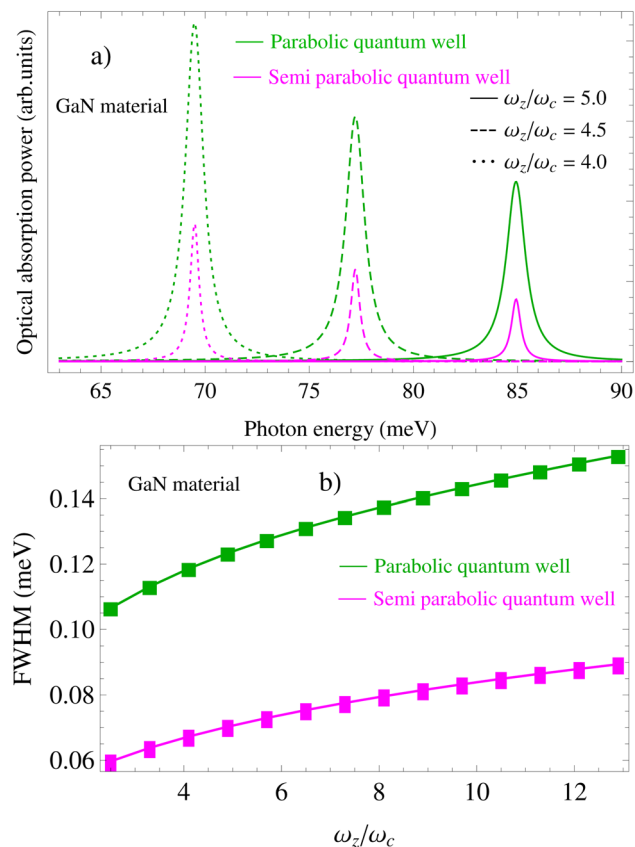


Fig. 8 (a) Photon-energy dependence of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power at the CR-peak with the inter-sub-band transition for different confining frequencies in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for a typical GaN material at a magnetic field of 10 T and an electron temperature of 300 K. (b) Dependence of the EAP interaction strength in the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs for a typical GaN material on the confining frequency at a magnetic field of 10 T and an electron temperature of 300 K.

the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs, *i.e.*, the EAP interaction strengths in the parabolic QW are always stronger than those in the semi-parabolic QW for both the GaAs and GaN materials. This is because the parabolic QW is a type of system that is symmetrical and has energy subbands that are equally spaced. This results in a build-up of radiation at a specific frequency determined by the distance between intersubbands. Simultaneously, the parity-allowed interband carrier transitions exhibit improvement in the parabolic QW. Meanwhile, the semi-parabolic QW is a type of system that is asymmetrical. Additionally, Fig. 4(b) and 8(b) show that the FWHM increases with the increment of the QW confining frequency ( $\omega_z$ ) in both the GaN and GaAs materials. This is due to the enhanced EAP scattering probability with an increase in  $\omega_z$ . The parabolic QWs possess features that could potentially result in favorable optical-magnetic properties, including the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption power and the FWHM of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR-peak in both kinds of materials GaN and GaAs, with the expectation that optoelectronic device applications can benefit from information on these QWs.

In particular, in Fig. 9, we have performed a detailed comparison of the dependence of the EAP interaction strength on the temperature (see in Fig. 9(a)), the magnetic field (see in Fig. 9(b)), and the confining-frequency (see in Fig. 9(c)) between the GaN and GaAs materials in both the semi-parabolic and parabolic potential QWs. We can see from Fig. 9(a)–(c) that the spectral FWHM of the cyclotron-resonance peak increases as the temperature, the external magnetic field, and the confining potential increase. The physical meaning of this phenomenon is that the electron-phonon scattering probability in both the GaN and GaAs materials increases as the temperature, the external magnetic field, and the confining potential increase

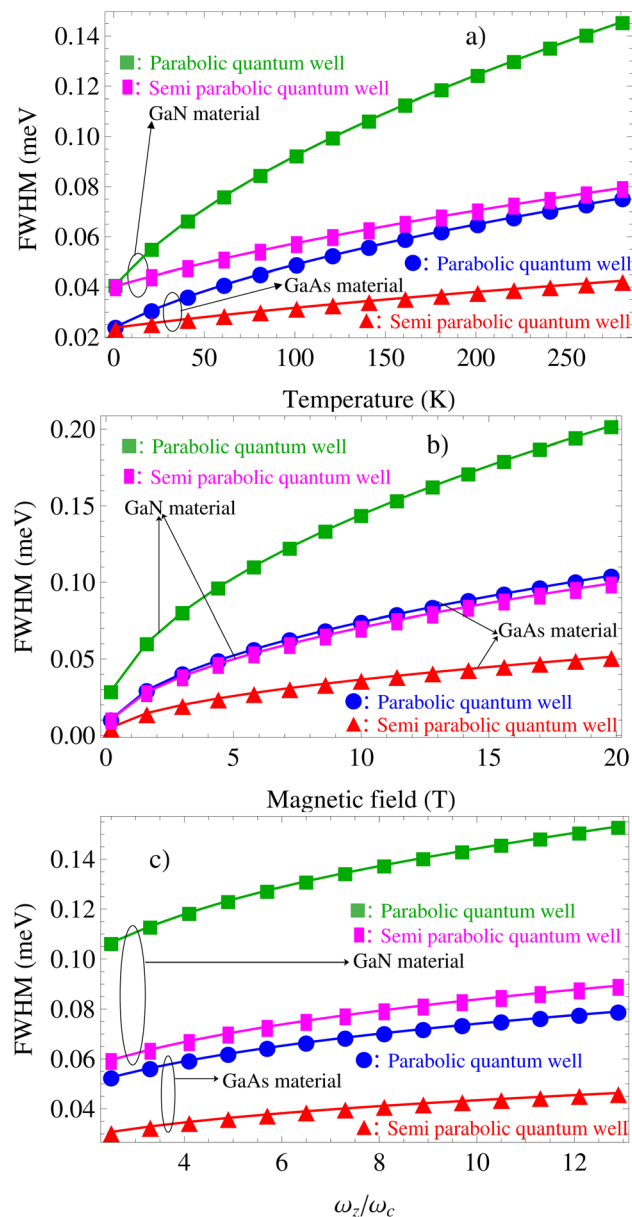


Fig. 9 Comparison of the dependence of the EAP interaction strength on the electron temperature (see in (a)), magnetic field (see in (b)), and confining frequency (see in (c)) between the GaN and GaAs materials in both the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs.



for both the semi-parabolic and parabolic potential QWs. Moreover, we also easily understand that when the external magnetic field and the confining potential increase there is an increase in the confining strength of the electron wherefore the electron-phonon scattering probability increases. On the other hand, the comparative results revealed that under the effect of both the ET, the EMF, and the CPF, the EAP interaction strengths in the symmetric (parabolic) QW have larger values and they vary faster than they do in the asymmetric (semi-parabolic) QW for both kinds of materials GaAs and GaN; in other words, the EAP interaction strengths in the parabolic QW is always much stronger than that in the semi-parabolic QW for both GaN and GaAs materials. Furthermore, the EAP interaction strengths in the GaN material have larger values and they vary faster than they do in the GaAs material for both the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs, *i.e.*, the EAP interaction strength in the GaN material is always much stronger than that in the GaAs material for both the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs. In addition, among the four graphs which describe the four EAP interaction strengths as shown in Fig. 9 under the effects of both the ET, the EMF, and the CPF, we can see that the EAP interaction strength in the GaN material of the parabolic QW is the strongest while it is weakest in the GaAs material of the semi-parabolic QW. Our results can demonstrate further that the MO-properties, including the EAP interaction strength in the symmetric (parabolic) GaN QW material, are remarkably different from those in the GaN material of the asymmetric (semi-parabolic) QW as well as in the GaAs material of the symmetric (parabolic) and asymmetric (semi-parabolic) QWs. These research results can be useful for several potential application investigations for optoelectronic devices.

## 5. Conclusions

We conducted a study to compare the EAP interaction strengths in the symmetric and asymmetric QWs for GaAs and GaN materials. By using the two main methods mentioned in the Abstract part, we obtained the main results as follows: the position of the acoustic-phonon-assisted CR absorption peak is still unchanging with increasing ET, but it has a blue shift with an increase in the CPF and the EMF. Besides, the EAP interaction strengths in the symmetric and asymmetric QWs depend strongly on both the structural parameters, such as the CPF, and the external parameters, such as the ET and the EMF, for both kinds of materials GaAs and GaN. This means that the EAP interaction strengths in the symmetric and asymmetric QWs for both kinds of materials GaAs and GaN increase with an increase in the CPF and the ET, and the EMF. Moreover, the obtained result demonstrated that within the dependence of the EAP interaction intensity on the ET, EMF, and CPF, the EAP interaction strength in the symmetric QW is always much stronger than that in the asymmetric QW for both GaN and GaAs materials. In addition, in comparison between the two GaN and GaAs materials, the result also showed that the EAP interaction strength in the GaN material is much stronger than that in the GaAs material for both the symmetric and asymmetric QW models. When it

comes to optoelectronic devices, comparing the EAP interaction strength between the symmetric and asymmetric QWs in the GaN and GaAs materials can yield valuable properties.

## Appendix A

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_1 &= \frac{(1 + \phi_q)f_{\tau+1}(1 - f_v)}{\hbar\omega + \hbar\omega_q - E_{\tau+1,v}} - \frac{\phi_q f_{\tau}(1 - f_{\tau+1})}{\hbar\omega + \hbar\omega_q - E_{\tau+1,\tau}}, \\
 B_2 &= -\frac{(1 + \phi_q)f_v(1 - f_{\tau+1})}{\hbar\omega - \hbar\omega_q - E_{\tau+1,v}} + \frac{\phi_q f_{\tau+1}(1 - f_{\tau})}{\hbar\omega - \hbar\omega_q - E_{\tau+1,\tau}}, \\
 B_3 &= \frac{(1 + \phi_q)f_v(1 - f_{\tau})}{\hbar\omega + \hbar\omega_q - E_{v\tau}} - \frac{\phi_q f_{\tau}(1 - f_v)}{\hbar\omega + \hbar\omega_q - E_{v\tau}}, \\
 B_4 &= -\frac{(1 + \phi_q)f_{\tau}(1 - f_v)}{\hbar\omega - \hbar\omega_q - E_{v\tau}} + \frac{\phi_q f_v(1 - f_{\tau})}{\hbar\omega - \hbar\omega_q - E_{v\tau}},
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.1}$$

where  $\phi_q = [\exp(\hbar\omega_q/k_B T) - 1]^{-1}$  is a symbol of the Planck distribution function in both the parabolic and semi-parabolic QWs. Here,  $k_B$  and  $T$  are the Boltzmann constant and the temperature in Kelvin, respectively.

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_1 &= [(1 + \phi_q)f_{\tau+1}(1 - f_v) - \phi_q f_v(1 - f_{\tau+1})] \\
 &\quad \times \delta(\hbar\omega + \hbar\omega_q - E_{\tau+1,v}), \\
 D_2 &= [\phi_q f_{\tau+1}(1 - f_v) - (1 + \phi_q)f_v(1 - f_{\tau+1})] \\
 &\quad \times \delta(\hbar\omega - \hbar\omega_q - E_{\tau+1,v}), \\
 D_3 &= [(1 + \phi_q)f_v(1 - f_{\tau}) - \phi_q f_{\tau}(1 - f_v)] \\
 &\quad \times \delta(\hbar\omega + \hbar\omega_q - E_{v\tau}), \\
 D_4 &= [\phi_q f_v(1 - f_{\tau}) - (1 + \phi_q)f_{\tau}(1 - f_v)] \\
 &\quad \times \delta(\hbar\omega - \hbar\omega_q - E_{v\tau}).
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{B}(\omega)^{P/S} &= \sum_{n'} \sum_{\ell} \frac{\theta^2 k_B T}{8\pi\rho\vartheta^2 \hbar^2 \zeta_c^2 (f_{n+1,\ell} - f_{n,\ell})} \mathcal{F}_{\ell_i, \ell_f}^{P/S} \\
 &\times \left\{ [f_{n+1,\ell}(1 - f_{n',\ell'}) - f_{n',\ell'}(1 - f_{n+1,\ell})] \delta(E_1^{P/S}) \right. \\
 &+ [f_{n+1,\ell}(1 - f_{n',\ell'}) - f_{n',\ell'}(1 - f_{n+1,\ell})] \delta(E_1^{P/S}) \\
 &+ [f_{n',\ell'}(1 - f_{n,\ell}) - f_{n,\ell}(1 - f_{n',\ell'})] \delta(E_2^{P/S}) \\
 &\left. + [f_{n',\ell'}(1 - f_{n,\ell}) - f_{n,\ell}(1 - f_{n',\ell'})] \delta(E_2^{P/S}) \right\},
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.3}$$

## Appendix B

For the parabolic (P) QW:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{F}_{\ell_i, \ell_f}^P &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\mathcal{I}_{\ell_i, \ell_f}^P(q_z)|^2 dq_z \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\lambda_z} \frac{\ell_i!}{\ell_f!} \frac{(1 + \Delta\ell)_{\ell} (2\Delta\ell + 3/2)_{\ell} \Gamma(\Delta\ell + 1/2)}{(\ell_i!)^2} \\
 &\quad \times {}_3\Phi_2(-\ell_i, \Delta\ell + 1/2, 1/2; \Delta\ell + 1, 1/2 - \ell_i; 1),
 \end{aligned} \tag{B.1}$$

where  ${}_3\Phi_2(-\ell_i, \Delta\ell + 1/2, 1/2; \Delta\ell + 1, 1/2 - \ell_i; 1)$  is the hypergeometric function and  $\Delta\ell = \ell_f - \ell_i$ .



For the semi-parabolic (S) QW:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{\ell_i, \ell_f}^S &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\mathcal{I}_{\ell_i, \ell_f}^S(q_z)|^2 dq_z = \frac{(A_{\ell_i} A_{\ell_f})^2}{4} \lambda_z \\ &\times \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \left| \sum_{m=0}^{\ell_i} \sum_{k=0}^{\ell_f} \frac{(-1)^{m+k} (2\ell_i + 1)! (2\ell_f + 1)! 2^{2j}}{(2\ell_i - 2m + 1)! (2\ell_f - 2k + 1)!} \right. \\ &\times \left[ \Gamma\left(\frac{2j+1}{2}\right) {}_1F_1\left(\frac{2j+1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{-t^2}{4}\right) \right. \\ &\left. \left. + mt\Gamma(j+1) {}_1F_1\left(j+1, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{-t^2}{4}\right) \right] \right|^2, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.2})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\ell_i} &= 1 / \sqrt{\int_0^{\infty} \exp(-z^2/\lambda_z^2) [H_{2\ell_i+1}(z/\lambda_z)]^2 dz} \\ &= \sqrt{\sqrt{\pi} 2^{2\ell_i} \lambda_z (2\ell_i + 1)!} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.3})$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\ell_f} &= 1 / \sqrt{\int_0^{\infty} \exp(-z^2/\lambda_z^2) [H_{2\ell_f+1}(z/\lambda_z)]^2 dz} \\ &= \sqrt{\sqrt{\pi} 2^{2\ell_f} \lambda_z (2\ell_f + 1)!}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.4})$$

## Data availability

Data available on request from the authors.

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