Measurement and Modeling of Electron Cloud in a Field Free Environment Using Retarding Field Analyzers

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As part of the CESrTA program at Cornell, diagnostic devices to measure and quantify the electron cloud effect have been installed throughout the CESR ring. One such device is the Retarding Field Analyzer (RFA), which provides information on the local electron cloud density and energy distribution. In a magnetic field free environment, RFA measurements can be directly compared with simulation to study the growth and dynamics of the cloud on a quantitative level. In particular, the photoemission and secondary emission characteristics of the instrumented chambers can be determined simultaneously.

I. INTRODUCTION

The electron cloud effect is a well known phenomenon in particle accelerators (see, for example, [1]), in which a high density of low energy electrons builds up inside the vacuum chamber. These electrons can cause a wide variety of undesirable effects, including emittance growth and beam instabilities [2]. Electron cloud has been observed in many facilities [3–9], and is expected to be a major limiting factor in next generation positron and proton storage rings. In lepton machines, the cloud is usually seeded by photoelectrons generated by synchrotron radiation. The collision of these electrons with the beam pipe can then produce one or more secondary electrons, depending on the secondary electron yield (SEY) of the material. If the average SEY is greater than unity, the cloud density will grow exponentially, until a saturation build-up.

In 2008, the Cornell Electron Storage Ring (CESR) was reconfigured to study issues related to the design of the International Linear Collider (ILC [10]) damping ring, including electron cloud. A significant component of this program, called CESR Test Accelerator (CESrTA), was the installation of several retarding field analyzers (RFAs) throughout the ring. These detectors, which provide information on the local electron cloud density, energy, and transverse distributions, have been used to directly compare different electron cloud mitigation techniques [11]. Quantitative analysis of RFA data requires detailed computer simulations, and is the subject of this paper. More specifically, we will give a brief overview of the CESrTA electron cloud experimental program (Section I.A), describe the use of computer simulations to model the cloud (Section I.B), detail our efforts at incorporating a model of an RFA into the simulation (Section I.C), and explain how the comparison of data and simulation yields a self-consistent description of cloud generation and dynamics in a field free environment (Section I.D).

Both photoemission and secondary emission are complicated processing involving many parameters, which are difficult to determine independently. At CESrTA, we have attempted to approach this problem by comparing a large amount of electron cloud data (taken under different beam conditions) to computer simulations, and adjusting a few key parameters to bring the data and simulation into agreement. In this way, we arrive at a holistic and self-consistent description of the electron emission properties of an instrumented vacuum chamber, without resorting to external measurements. Additionally, by comparing data and simulation on a detailed level, we substantially validate the electron emission model embodied in the simulation codes, and therefore reinforce our confidence in their applicability in other situations, in particular to hadron storage rings. Finally, we have been able to study several mitigation techniques in detail, and evaluate their effectiveness in preventing electron cloud build-up.

A. Retarding Field Analyzers

A retarding field analyzer consists of three main components [12]: holes drilled in the beam pipe to allow electrons to enter the device; a “retarding grid,” to which a voltage can be applied, rejecting electrons with less than a certain energy; and a positively biased collector, to capture any electrons which make it past the grid (Fig. 1). If space permits, additional (grounded) grids can be added to allow for a more ideal retarding field. In addition, the collectors of most RFAs used in CESrTA are segmented to allow characterization of the spatial structure of the cloud build-up. Thus a single RFA measurement provides information on the local cloud density, energy, and transverse distribution. Most of the data presented here are “voltage scans,” in which the retarding voltage is varied (typically from $+100$ to $-250$ V or $-400$ V) while beam conditions are held constant. The collector was set to $+100$ V for all of our measurements.

An example voltage scan is given in Fig. 2. The RFA response is plotted as a function of collector number and retarding voltage. Roughly speaking, this is a description of the transverse and energy distribution of the...
cloud. Collector 1 is closest to the outside of the chamber (where direct synchrotron radiation hits); the central collector (3 in this case) is aligned with the beam. The sign convention for retarding voltage is chosen so that a positive value on this axis corresponds to a negative physical voltage on the grid (and thus a rejection of lower energy electrons). In this example, the signal is fairly broad across all five collectors, indicating that the cloud density is not strongly peaked around the beam. It also falls off quickly with retarding voltage, indicating that the majority of cloud particles have low energy. The beam conditions are given as “1x45x1.25 mA e+, 14 ns, 5.3 GeV.” This notation indicates one train of 45 bunches, with 1.25 mA/bunch (1 mA = 1.6 × 10¹⁰ particles), with positrons, 14 ns spacing, and at beam energy 5.3 GeV.

We have used RFAs to probe the local behavior of the cloud at multiple locations in CESR, under many different beam conditions, and in the presence of several different mitigation schemes. The primary method of reducing electron cloud density in a field free region is the use of beam pipe coatings, which reduce the primary and secondary emission yield of the chamber. Coatings tested at CesarTA include titanium nitride (TiN) [13], amorphous carbon (aC) [4], diamond-like carbon (DLC) [14], and Ti-Zr-V non-evaporable getter (NEG) [15]. Direct comparisons of RFA data taken in the various chambers showed that all the coatings are effective at reducing electron cloud density, relative to uncoated aluminum or copper [11].

### II. EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM

Detailed descriptions of the CesarTA electron cloud experimental program, design of the drift RFAs, and data acquisition system can be found elsewhere [11]; here we provide only a brief summary.

There are five main electron cloud experimental sections of CESR instrumented with drift RFAs (Table I). These include long sections freed up by the removal of the wigglers at Q14E and Q14W (the names refer to their proximity to the 14E and 14W quadrupoles, respectively), shorter sections at Q15E and Q15W, and a long straight section at L3. The vacuum chambers at Q15E/W are approximately elliptical and made of aluminum (as is most of CESR), while the chambers at Q14E/W are rectangular and made of copper, and the pipe is circular stainless steel at L3.

#### A. RFA Styles

Several different styles of RFA have been deployed throughout drift sections in CESR. Table II summarizes the key parameters of each style.

**TABLE I: List of drift RFA locations. “Material” refers to the base material; some locations have tested one or more coatings. The vacuum chambers at all locations are 2.5 cm in height by 4.5 cm in width, with the exception of the circular chambers, which are 4.5 cm in radius.**

| Location | RFA Type | Material | Coatings | Shape |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------|
| 14W      | Ins. I   | Cu       | TiN      | Rectangular |
| 15W      | Thin, Ins. II | Al | TiN, aC | Elliptical |
| L3       | APS      | SST      | NEG      | Circular |
| 15E      | Thin, Ins. II | Al | TiN, aC, DLC | Elliptical |
| 14E      | APS, Ins. I | Cu | TiN      | Rectangular |

**TABLE II: Drift RFA styles deployed in CESR. Each RFA has one retarding grid. For RFAs with multiple grids, the additional grids are grounded.**

| Type      | Grids | Collectors | Grid Transparency |
|-----------|-------|------------|-------------------|
| APS       | 2     | 1          | 46%               |
| Insertable I | 2    | 5          | 40%               |
| Insertable II | 3    | 11         | 90%               |
| Thin      | 1     | 9          | 90%               |
TABLE III: CESR parameters and typical beam conditions for electron cloud mitigation studies

| Parameter                  | Value(s) | Units |
|----------------------------|----------|-------|
| **General Parameters**     |          |       |
| Circumference              | 768 m    |       |
| Revolution Period          | 2.56 µs  |       |
| Harmonic number            | 1281     | -     |
| Number of bunches          | 9, 20, 30, 45 | - |
| Bunch spacing              | 4 - 280 ns |       |
| Beam energy                | 2.1, 4, 5.3 GeV |       |
| **2.1 GeV Parameters**     |          |       |
| RMS Horizontal Emittance   | 2.6 nm   |       |
| RMS Vertical Emittance     | 0.2 nm   |       |
| RMS Bunch Length           | 12.2 mm  |       |
| Bunch current              | 0 - 5 mA |       |
| Beam species               | e⁺, e⁻   | -     |
| **4 GeV Parameters**       |          |       |
| RMS Horizontal Emittance   | 23 nm    |       |
| RMS Vertical Emittance     | 0.23 nm  |       |
| RMS Bunch Length           | 9 mm     |       |
| Bunch current              | 0 - 6 mA |       |
| Beam species               | e⁺       | -     |
| **5.3 GeV Parameters**     |          |       |
| RMS Horizontal Emittance   | 144 nm   |       |
| RMS Vertical Emittance     | 1.3 nm   |       |
| RMS Bunch Length           | 20.1 mm  |       |
| Bunch current              | 0 - 10 mA|       |
| Beam species               | e⁺, e⁻   | -     |

*1 mA = 1.6 × 10¹⁰ particles

B. CESR Parameters

The primary advantage of CESR as a test accelerator is its flexibility. At CESR, we have been able to study the behavior of the electron cloud as a function of several different beam parameters, varying the number of bunches, bunch current, bunch spacing, beam energy, and species. As will be described in Section V, this is very helpful for independently determining the photoelectron and secondary electron properties of the instrumented chambers. Table III gives some of the basic parameters of CESR, and lists some of the beam parameters used for electron cloud mitigation studies with RFAs. A more complete description of the full operating range of CESR can be found in [16].

III. CLOUD BUILDUP SIMULATIONS

As the behavior of the electron cloud can be very complicated and depends on many parameters, it is best understood on a quantitative level through the use of computer simulations. The results presented here were obtained with the particle tracking code POSINST [17–19]. In this code, the electrons are dynamical (and represented by macroparticles), while the beam is not (and is instead represented by a prescribed function of time and space). As such, it is useful for modeling buildup of the cloud, but not the effect of the cloud on the beam.

In POSINST, a simulated photoelectron is generated on the chamber surface and tracked under the action of the beam. Secondary electrons are generated via a probabilistic process. Space charge and image charge are also included. Electron motion is fully 3D, but the space and image charge forces are only calculated in two dimensions (effectively this assumes periodic boundary conditions). POSINST has been used to study cloud buildup in a number of different contexts (e.g. [3, 6, 17, 18, 20–26]), and is very well validated.

A. Simulation Parameters

There are many parameters related to primary and secondary electron emission that are relevant to this analysis. The secondary electron yield model in POSINST contains three components: “true” secondaries, which are emitted at low (<∼20 eV) energy regardless of the incident particle energy; “elastic” secondaries, which are emitted at the same energy as the incident particle; and “rediffused” secondaries, which are emitted with a uniform energy spectrum, ranging between 0 and the incident particle energy. The peak true secondary yield (characterized by the parameter \(d_{spk}\) in POSINST) occurs for primary electrons with an incident energy (POSINST parameter \(E_{0epk}\)) around 300 eV. The peak elastic yield (POSINST parameter \(P_{lepk}\)) occurs at low energy (we assume 0 eV), while the rediffused yield reaches a steady state value for high energy primaries (POSINST parameter \(P_{rinf}\)). Fig. 3 shows a typical SEY curve, and indicates how each of these parameters contributes to the total secondary yield (POSINST parameter \(dtotpk\)).

Another relevant secondary emission parameter is the “shape parameter” \(powts\), which determines the shape
of the true secondary curve about its peak. In our simulations, this parameter (as well as $E_{0epk}$) was obtained from in-situ SEY measurements done in CESR [27].

POSINST also makes use of several parameters that describe the properties of emitted secondary electrons. The parameters that define the true-secondary emission energy distribution were chosen to give a peak emission energy of 1.5 eV [28]. Secondaries are emitted with an angular distribution described by $\propto \cos(\theta)$, where $\theta$ is the angle relative to normal.

The model for photoelectron emission in POSINST is simpler than the secondary model, but still involves several important parameters. The most significant of these is the quantum efficiency ($\text{queffp}$). In addition, in order to explain the measurable RFA signal we see with an electron beam, there must be photoelectrons with sufficiently high energy to overcome the repulsive force of the beam. In the simulation, this is accomplished by using a Lorentzian photoelectron energy distribution (which has been observed in some measurements [29]), with a low peak energy (5 eV), and a width that scales with the average photon energy incident at the RFA position. For example, for an electron beam at Q15E, the width is 12 eV for a 2.1 GeV beam, and 150 eV for a 5.3 GeV beam. The drift RFA data does not constrain the exact shape of the distribution. Measurements with a shielded pickup detector [30] provide a method to probe these parameters in more detail.

Computational parameters in POSINST (Table IV) were adjusted to give consistent results, without requiring prohibitively long run times. Further increase of these parameters did not result in significant changes to the output of the simulation.

### IV. RFA MODELING

To understand the measurements described above on a more fundamental level, we need a way of translating an RFA measurement into physical quantities relating to the development of the electron cloud. To bridge this gap, accurate models of both the cloud development and the RFA itself are required. To this end, we have modified POSINST to include a model of the RFA, which automatically generates an output file containing the simulated RFA signals. Previous efforts to analyze RFA data [31] have relied on post-processing the POSINST death certificates file, which contains a record of all the macroparticle-wall collisions that took place during the simulation. In addition to being much faster and using less disk space than the post-processing method, the integrated model is more self-consistent, since it allows for charge that enters into the RFA to be taken out of the cloud in the vacuum chamber.

This integrated RFA model is implemented as a special function that is called when a macronucleus in the simulation collides with the vacuum chamber wall, immediately before the code section that simulates secondary emission. First, this function checks if the macronucleus is in the region covered by the RFA. If so, a certain fraction of the particle’s charge, which depends on the incident angle and energy (as well as the overall beam pipe transparency), is added to the collector signal. The RFA acceptance as a function of angle and energy is calculated by a separate particle tracking code, described below. The charge is binned by energy and transverse position, reproducing the energy and position resolution of the RFA. The macronucleus then has its charge reduced by the amount that went into the detector, and the simulation continues as normal. This process is shown diagrammatically in Fig. V.

In order for this method to work, we need to know the RFA response to a particle with a given incident energy and angle. To answer this question, we developed a specialized code which tracks electrons through a model of the RFA. The model includes a detailed replica of the beam pipe, grid(s), and collector, as well as a realistic map of the electric fields inside the RFA, generated by the electrostatic calculation tool Opera 3D. The tracking code also allows for the production of secondary electrons on both the beam pipe and grid(s). The secondary emission model is a simplified version of the one used in POSINST, and includes both elastic and “true” secondaries (see Section III A). The output of the simulation is a table which maps the incident particle energy and angle to both a “direct” and (low energy) “secondary” collector signal. POSINST can then consult this table to determine the RFA response to a given macronucleus-wall collision.

The production of secondary electrons in the beam pipe holes and on the retarding grid is an especially important effect, and results in an enhanced low energy signal in most of our drift RFA measurements. Fig. V shows the simulated secondary signal in a thin style RFA, as a function of incident angle, for different incident electron energies. The effect is particularly strong for electrons with high energy and moderate angle.

To aid in the development of our model, we constructed a bench experiment to study the response of a test RFA under controlled conditions. Measurements with this system showed good agreement with our model [11].

### V. COMPARISON WITH MEASUREMENTS

The large quantity of RFA data obtained during the CesrTA program necessitates a systematic method for

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**TABLE IV: Computational parameters in POSINST**

| Parameter    | Description                        | Value |
|--------------|------------------------------------|-------|
| nsteps       | Steps between bunch passages        | 14    |
| ngrexpx, ngrexpy | Space charge grid parameter       | 5 *   |
| nkicks       | Beam kicks per bunch passage        | 51    |
| macrophel    | Macroparticles generated per bunch  | 5000  |

*Results in a 32x32 grid for space charge calculations*
A. Parameter Constraints

The photon flux and azimuthal distribution at the RFA are determined by a 3 dimensional simulation of photon production and reflection [32], which includes diffuse scattering and a realistic model of the CESR vacuum chamber geometry. The quantum efficiency was allowed to be different for different beam energies and species, since it will in general depend on photon energy [33].

Generally speaking, \( \text{dstepk} \) and \( \text{queffp} \) need to be included in the fitting procedure to get good agreement with the RFA data. Other strong parameters include \( \text{Piepk} \), \( \text{Pirinf} \), and \( \text{powts} \), but they are highly correlated with each other (i.e., have similar effects on the RFA simulation), so only one of the three is needed. For the uncoated chambers (Al and Cu), we varied \( \text{Piepk} \). For the coated chambers (aC, TiN, DLC, NEG), we found \( \text{Piepk} \) instead. In addition, the analysis uses one arbitrary parameter: a “chamber hole SEY,” which is an overall scaling of the effect of secondaries generated in the RFA on the low energy signal (Fig. 5). The fitted values for this parameter are within the expected range; a typical number for the effective hole SEY is on the order of 1.5.

Table V summarizes the POSINST parameters most relevant to our analysis and indicates whether the pa-
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TABLE V: Summary of relevant POSINST parameters. The
last column indicates whether the parameter was used in fits
always (A), in some cases (S), or never (N).

| Parameter   | Description          | Fit? |
|-------------|----------------------|------|
| dtspk       | True secondary yield | A    |
| P1epk       | Elastic yield        | S    |
| Pirinf      | Rediffused yield     | S    |
| dtotpk      | Total peak yield     | N*   |
| E0epk       | Peak yield energy    | N    |
| powts       | Shape parameter      | N    |
| queffp      | Quantum efficiency   | A    |

*aEqual to the sum of the three SEY components at peak energy

B. Fitting the Data

In performing the $\chi^2$ analysis, the choice of which data
to fit and which simulation parameters to vary are both
important. We want a set of parameters that have a
strong effect on the simulated RFA signals, and a set of
voltage scans that determine these parameters as inde-
pendently as possible. For example, the true secondary
yield is highest for $\sim 300$ eV electrons, so it is best
determined by data taken under beam conditions where a
typical electron energy is on that order. This tends to
mean short bunch spacing and moderately high current.
The elastic yield mainly affects the decay of the cloud,
when most of the cloud particles have low energy. It
is best derived from data where the cloud is repeatedly
generated and allowed to decay, i.e. for large bunch spac-
ing. The quantum efficiency is most significant in regimes
where secondary emission is less important, namely for
low current data. Table VI gives a list of data sets used
in one round of fitting, and indicates which parameter was best determined by each.

Several sources of error can complicate the analysis,
and must be added (in quadrature) when constructing
the error matrix ($W$ in Eq. (1)). They are listed below.
For the purpose of comparison, a typical signal in the
15E/W RFAs is on the scale of 100's of nA.

- Noise in the measurements (typically quite small,
a few tenths of a nA)
- Statistical errors in simulations. This can be re-
duced by increasing the number of macroelectrons
used in the simulation, at the cost of increased run
time. Typical values are on the order of a few nA.
- A general error of 10% was added to account for
systematic uncertainties in the data. One such un-
certainty is unevenness in bunch currents along the
train, which is not accounted for in the simulation.
The choice of 10% is somewhat arbitrary, but was
chosen to reflect our confidence in the repeatability
of the measurements.
- We have observed a slow drift of baseline (zero cur-
rent value) in measurements, on the order of $\sim 0.2$
of full scale. This amounts to $\sim 20$ nA on the lowest
gain setting, and $\sim 0.02$ nA on the highest one (2 nA
for a typical case).
- An extra 20% error was added to the signal in the sim-
ulation caused by beam pipe hole secondaries,
to account for uncertainty in the modeling of this
phenomenon. Again this choice is somewhat arbi-
trary.
- Since the gradient for the Jacobian matrix ($X$) is
determined by simulation, it will also have an asso-
ciated error. This cannot be included in the $W$
matrix, because it will be different for each parameter.
However, it can still be calculated, and its effect on
the final parameter errors can be estimated.

C. Results

Figs. 7-9 in Appendix A show the results of the $\chi^2$
analysis, for an uncoated aluminum drift chamber. The
plots compare both the transverse and energy distribu-
tion of the data and fitted simulation (effectively these
are cross sections of the full voltage scan shown in Fig. 2).
The error bars shown reflect all of the uncertainties de-
scribed above. Overall the data and simulation are in
good agreement for a wide variety of beam conditions,
including different beam currents, train lengths, beam en-
ergies, bunch spacings, and species. The biggest discrep-
ancy occurs for high current electron beam data. These
are the conditions most likely to produce ion effects [34],
which are not included in our model, and may be lead-
ing to this disagreement. A sampling of results for the
TABLE VI: List of beam conditions used for one round of fitting (15W Al chamber, May 2010), and which parameter they most strongly determined

| Index | Bunches | Bunch current | Bunch Spacing | Beam Energy | Parameter |
|-------|---------|---------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1     | 45 e+   | 0.75 mA       | 14 ns         | 5.3 GeV     | queffp    |
| 2     | 45 e+   | 0.75 mA       | 14 ns         | 4 GeV       | queffp    |
| 3     | 45 e+   | 0.75 mA       | 14 ns         | 2.1 GeV     | queffp    |
| 4     | 45 e+   | 2.3 mA        | 14 ns         | 2.1 GeV     | dtspk     |
| 5     | 20 e+   | 2.8 mA        | 4 ns          | 4 GeV       | dtspk     |
| 6     | 20 e+   | 7.5 mA        | 14 ns         | 2.1 GeV     | dtspk     |
| 7     | 20 e+   | 10.75 mA      | 14 ns         | 5.3 GeV     | P1epk     |
| 8     | 9 e+    | 3.78 mA       | 280 ns        | 2.1 GeV     | P1epk     |
| 9     | 9 e+    | 3.78 mA       | 280 ns        | 3 GeV       | P1epk     |
| 10    | 9 e+    | 4.11 mA       | 280 ns        | 5.3 GeV     | P1epk     |
| 11    | 45 e−   | 2.89 mA       | 4 ns          | 5.3 GeV     | dtspk     |
| 12    | 45 e−   | 1.25 mA       | 14 ns         | 5.3 GeV     | queffp    |
| 13    | 45 e−   | 2 mA          | 14 ns         | 2.1 GeV     | queffp    |
| 14    | 20 e−   | 2.8 mA        | 14 ns         | 5.3 GeV     | dtspk     |
| 15    | 9 e−    | 3.78 mA       | 280 ns        | 2.1 GeV     | P1epk     |

coated chambers are shown in Figs. 10,13 and also show good agreement in general.

The covariance matrix for the parameters is $(X^TWX)^{-1}$. The standard errors on each parameter are equal to the square root of the diagonal elements of this matrix. These errors are one dimensional 68% confidence intervals for each parameter individually, without regard for the values of the other parameters. The covariance matrix is multiplied by the “$\chi^2$ per degree of freedom” ($\frac{\chi^2}{n-p}$, where $n$ is the number of data points and $p$ is the number of parameters fitted). Effectively this scales up the uncertainty on the data points, to include (in a somewhat ad hoc manner) any errors that have been left out of the analysis. The error bars also include an estimate of the uncertainty introduced by errors in the Jacobian matrix, which is added in quadrature to the standard error. The correlation coefficient of two parameters is defined as $\rho = \frac{C_{i,j}}{\sqrt{C_{i,i}C_{j,j}}}$, where $C_{i,j}$ is the $i,j$th element of the covariance matrix. In general the correlation between parameters is significant. For example, in the fits shown in Figs. 7–9 $\rho = .42$ for dtspk and P1epk, .22 for dtspk and queffp, and .31 for P1epk and queffp.

It should be noted that, with the number of parameters involved in the analysis, it is impossible to say whether we have arrived at the global minimum value of $\chi^2$ in parameter space. Nonetheless, the ability of this method to achieve a good fit for data taken under a wide variety of beam conditions strongly suggests that the primary and secondary emission models used are reproducing reality to a reasonable degree.

The best fit values and 68% confidence intervals for the SEY parameters of each chamber are shown in Table VII and the best fit quantum efficiencies are listed in Table VIII. Each of these results represents a fit using a series of voltage scans done during one CsI(TA) machine studies run, typically within a few days of each other. Several such fits were done for most of the chambers, and the results were usually found to be consistent, with a few exceptions. In particular, some of the fits for aC showed a higher quantum efficiency, but somewhat lower rediffused yield. This may represent a different state of processing of the chamber. In the results presented here, the fit with the lowest $\chi^2$ for each chamber was chosen.

The peak secondary yield (dtopk) for the uncoated Al chamber was found to be very high ($> 2$). This is consistent with values measured elsewhere [35]. All of the coated chambers (aC, TiN, DLC, and NEG) had much lower values, corresponding in all cases to a peak SEY $≤ 0.9$, and also consistent with direct measurements [4, 14, 15, 20]. The fitted values for TiN and DLC in particular are very low, implying a peak SEY on the order of 0.7.

The best fit value for the elastic yield (P1epk) was found to be low for both uncoated (Al and Cu) chambers. As explained, in Section VA the data in the coated chambers (TiN, aC, DLC, and NEG) was best fit by assuming a low elastic yield, and varying the rediffused yield (P1rinf) instead. Since we don’t have a direct measurement of the SEY curve for NEG, the initial values for the parameters were (somewhat arbitrarily) taken from TiN. The fitted values for NEG indicate a much higher rediffused yield than the other coated chambers. The SEY curves generated by the best fit parameters for each chamber are shown in Fig. 5.

Notably, the DLC fit also required a very low value for the “chamber hole SEY” parameter described above. Bench measurements of the SEY of DLC indicate that the material can retain charge if bombarded with a sufficiently high electron flux, thus modifying the apparent SEY [27]. This effect could result in charge around the beam pipe holes influencing the transmission of low energy electrons, reducing the apparent hole SEY [11].

The best fit values for quantum efficiency (queffp) were also lower for the coated chambers. Amorphous carbon consistently had the lowest values, less than 5%
for all cases. In most cases, the quantum efficiency fit was significantly higher for 5.3 GeV than for 2.1 GeV. Additional work is required to determine whether this is a real effect, or simply be an artifact of our incomplete photoelectron model. Generally speaking, quantum efficiencies on the order of 5 - 10% are consistent with direct measurements of accelerator materials [29].

VI. CONCLUSIONS

Retarding field analyzers have been installed in drift regions around CESR, and a great deal of electron cloud data has been collected with them. Detailed models of our RFAs have been developed, and integrated into the cloud simulation code POSINST, allowing for analysis on a more fundamental level. This has enabled the calculation of best fit simulation parameters, which describe the primary and secondary electron emission characteristics of each material in situ. The fits indicate that TiN and DLC have especially low secondary yields, while aC has the lowest quantum efficiency.

Electron emission properties of material surfaces, such as quantum efficiency and secondary emission yield, are traditionally measured employing dedicated, well-controlled laboratory devices applied to clean, smooth surfaces. The analysis presented here, on the other hand, presents the determination of several model parameters via a simultaneous, multi-parameter fit to data obtained with RFAs installed in the CesarTA vacuum chamber. Thus, while none of the above-mentioned parameters is determined with great precision, our exercise amounts to a more global fit to the model, and yields reasonable values for the parameters. In combination with many other kinds of measurements and simulations (published separately [22, 27, 30, 32]) within the CesarTA program, our results lend validity to the electron emission model embodied in the simulation code.

Our approach has the additional advantage that it allows the assessment of the performance of various chamber materials vis-à-vis the electron-cloud problem for actual chamber surfaces within a realistic storage ring environment. As such, our analysis takes intrinsic account of such issues as surface roughness, material composition, and beam conditioning. Given the ubiquitousness of the electron-cloud effect, our results are directly and immediately applicable to other high-energy or high-intensity storage rings, whether lepton or hadron.

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TABLE VII: Best fit SEY parameters

| Parameter | Al | Cu | TiN | aC | DLC | NEG |
|-----------|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| dtpk | 2.08 ± 0.9 | .81 ± .05 | .59 ± .03 | .59 ± .05 | .48 ± .06 | .42 ± .07 |
| P1epk | .36 ± .03 | .22 ± .07 | .05 | .05 | .05 | .05 |
| P1rinf | .2 | .28 | .30 ± .05 | .13 ± .03 | .20 ± .06 | .46 ± .05 |
| dtpk | 2.3 ± 1 | 1.11 ± .09 | .75 ± .04 | .91 ± .07 | .70 ± .08 | .90 ± .09 |
| E0epk | 280eV | 375eV | 370eV | 370eV | 190eV | 370eV |
| powts | 1.54 | 1.38 | 1.32 | 1.77 | 1.77 | 1.32 |

TABLE VIII: Table of best fit quantum efficiencies (in percent)

| Material | 2.1 GeV, e⁺ | 2.1 GeV, e⁻ | 4 GeV, e⁺ | 5.3 GeV, e⁺ | 5.3 GeV, e⁻ | Average |
|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| Al | 11.3 ± 1.4 | 8.0 ± 1.1 | 10.0 ± 1.2 | 10.3 ± 1.2 | 10.5 ± 1.4 | 10.0 |
| Cu | 2.5 ± 8 | 4.7 ± .7 | 15.0 ± 2.0 | 15.3 ± 2.8 | 12.1 ± 1.8 | 9.9 |
| TiN | 4.9 ± .2 | - | - | 8.9 ± .7 | 5.0 ± .4 | 6.3 |
| aC | 3.6 ± 5 | - | - | 4.6 ± .6 | 4.9 ± .6 | 4.4 |
| DLC | 4.5 ± 6 | 7.1 ± .6 | - | 9.1 ± 1.1 | 7.1 ± 6 | 7.0 |
| NEG | 2.9 ± 9 | - | - | 14 ± 2 | - | 8.5 |

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FIG. 8: Comparison of Q15W Al RFA data and simulation, using best fit parameters (Table VII, conditions 7 - 12). The top plots show the total signal across the 9 RFA collectors (with +50 V on the grid); the bottom plots show the signal in the central three collectors vs retarding voltage.
FIG. 9: Comparison of Q15W Al RFA data and simulation, using best fit parameters (Table VII, conditions 13 - 15). The top plots show the total signal across the 9 RFA collectors (with +50 V on the grid); the bottom plots show the signal in the central three collectors vs retarding voltage.

FIG. 10: Comparison of Q15W TiN RFA data and simulation, using best fit parameters (Table VII). The plots show the signal in the central three collectors vs retarding voltage.

FIG. 11: Comparison of Q15E aC RFA data and simulation, using best fit parameters (Table VII). The plots show the signal in the central three collectors vs retarding voltage.
FIG. 12: Comparison of Q15W DLC RFA data and simulation, using best fit parameters (Table VII). The plots show the signal in the central three collectors vs retarding voltage.

FIG. 13: Comparison of Q14E Cu RFA data and simulation, using best fit parameters (Table VII). The plots show the signal in the central three collectors vs retarding voltage.

FIG. 14: Comparison of L3 NEG RFA data and simulation, using best fit parameters (Table VII). The plots show the signal in the collector vs retarding voltage.