Evaluation of beam halo from beam-gas scattering at the KEK Accelerator Test Facility

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In circular colliders, as well as in damping rings and synchrotron radiation light sources, beam halo is one of the critical issues limiting the performance as well as potentially causing component damage and activation. It is imperative to clearly understand the mechanisms that lead to halo formation and to test the available theoretical models. Elastic beam-gas scattering can drive particles to large oscillation amplitudes and be a potential source of beam halo. In this paper, numerical estimation and Monte Carlo simulations of this process at the ATF of KEK are presented. Experimental measurements of beam halo in the ATF2 beam line using a diamond sensor detector are also described, which clearly demonstrate the influence of the beam-gas scattering process on the transverse halo distribution.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In high-energy lepton colliders, the balance between the requirements of high luminosity and low detector backgrounds is always a challenge. To control the background induced by halo particles with large betatron amplitude or energy deviation, a robust collimation system is essential. The design of collimators requires some knowledge of the halo distribution and population, to estimate the collimation efficiency [\[1\]](#page-8-0). To describe the halo distribution and mechanisms for its formation, a number of numerical and experimental investigations have been performed, for both circular and linear machines [2–[6\].](#page-8-1) These studies indicate that halo distributions are influenced by many factors, e.g., space charge, scattering (elastic and inelastic beam-gas scattering, intrabeam scattering and e[−] cloud), optical mismatch, chromaticity, and optical aberrations. Moreover, the dominant halo source might be different for each machine, depending on its design and status.

For the future linear colliders, it is essential to determine plausible halo distributions at the entrance of the main linac and their physical origin. The Accelerator Test Facility (ATF) of KEK, which has successfully achieved small emittances satisfying the requirements of the International Linear Collider (ILC), and which includes an extraction line (ATF2) capable of focusing the beam down to a few tens of nanometers at the virtual interaction point (IP), is an ideal machine to study halo formation mechanisms and develop the specialized instrumentation needed for the measurements. At the ATF2 beam line, the reduction of the modulation in the beam size measurement using the Shintake monitor [\[7\]](#page-8-2) at the IP due to halo loss upstream also motivates a good understanding of the halo formation and ways to suppress it. Considerable efforts have been devoted to reveal the primary mechanism controlling halo formation at ATF [8–[11\]](#page-8-3). The theory to characterize beam profile diffusion due to elastic beam-gas scattering (BGS) has been developed, but has not yet been fully validated experimentally, mainly due to the lack of appropriate instrumentation with high enough dynamic range (DNR, $\geq 10^5$). To achieve a suffcient DNR, a set of diamond sensor detectors (DS) has been constructed and installed at the end of the ATF2 beam line [\[12\]](#page-8-4).

In this paper, numerical evaluations of beam halo from BGS are described, followed by a detailed simulation of halo formation in the presence of radiation damping, quantum excitation, residual dispersion, xy coupling and BGS in the damping ring. Halo measurements using the diamond sensor detector are described, which confirm that the vertical halo is dominated by BGS. The results are then discussed and some conclusions and further work are outlined.

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FIG. 1. Schematic diagram of ATF linac, damping ring and ATF2 beam line, from [\[14\].](#page-8-8)

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ATF consists of a 1.3 GeV S-band linac, a damping ring and an extraction line, as shown in Fig. [1.](#page-1-0) The smallest vertical rms emittance measured at low intensity was 4 pm [\[13\]](#page-8-5), which corresponds to the normalized emittance of 1.1×10^{-8} m. The main beam parameters in the ATF damping ring are summarized in Table [I.](#page-1-1)

As an extension of ATF, ATF2 aims to address the feasibility of focusing the beam to a few tens of nanometer size and providing beam orbit stabilization at the nanometer level at the IP. ATF2 is also an energy-scaled version of the compact focusing optics designed for the ILC, using a similar local chromaticity correction scheme [\[17,18\].](#page-8-6)

II. THEORETICAL EVALUATION

A. Analytic approximations

We follow the approach developed by K. Hirata [\[8\]](#page-8-3) for the description of particle redistribution in the presence of stochastic processes. The transverse motion in a ring or transport beam line can be perturbed by stochastic processes such as synchrotron radiation, BGS or IBS. It can be described by the diffusion equation

$$
\frac{d\vec{x}}{ds} = -[H(\vec{x}, s), \vec{x}] + \xi(\vec{x}, s)
$$
\n(1)

TABLE I. ATF main parameters [\[15,16\]](#page-8-9).

Beam energy [GeV]	E_0	1.3
Circumference [m]	C	138.6
Intensity $[e/\text{pulse}]$	N	$1 - 10 \times 10^{9}$
Vertical emittance [pm]	ϵ_{v}	>4
Horizontal emittance [nm]	ϵ_{r}	1.2
Energy spread $[\%]$	σ_{δ}	0.056 $(0.08)^a$
Bunch length [mm]	σ_{τ}	5.3 $(7)^a$
Damping time [ms]	$\tau_x/\tau_y/\tau_z$	17/27/20
Injection emittance [nm]	$\epsilon_{x0}/\epsilon_{y0}$	14
Storage time [ms]	\mathbf{f}	200
Momentum acceptance [%]	$\Delta p / p$	1.2

^aWith intra-beam scattering (IBS) for the beam intensity of 1×10^{10} e/pulse.

where \vec{x} is the 6D phase space coordinate, $H(\vec{x}, s)$ the Hamiltonian representing the symplectic part of the motion and $\zeta(\vec{x}, s)$ contains the diffusion effects. The solution to the equation of motion can be expressed in terms of a linear map plus the integrated perturbation of the stochastic process

$$
\vec{x}(s) = M(s, s_0)\vec{x}_0 + \int_{s_0}^s M(s, s')\tilde{\xi}(s)ds'
$$
 (2)

with

$$
M(s, s_0) = M_0 \exp \left[\int_{s_0}^s [s\tilde{H}(s'') - D(s'')]ds'' \right]
$$
 (3)

where M_0 is the symplectic matrix representing the linear transformation, \tilde{H} a symmetric 6 × 6 matrix and D the damping matrix which contains the radiation damping [\[19\]](#page-8-7). Here we describe only the transverse motion (in the horizontal plane for example) and we consider only the betatron motion, radiation damping, quantum excitation and diffusion from BGS, ignoring betatron coupling. In normalized coordinates $u = x/\sqrt{\beta}$ and $u' = du/d\phi$, Eq. [\(2\)](#page-1-2) can be written

$$
\vec{u}(s) = R(s, s_0)\vec{u}(s_0) \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha}{c_0} \int_{s_0}^s ds\right) + \delta \vec{u} \qquad (4)
$$

where $\vec{u} = (u, u')^T$, $R(s, s_0)$ is a pure rotation, α is the damping rate and $\delta \vec{u}$ the perturbation, expressed as

$$
R(s, s_0) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\Delta \phi) & \sin(\Delta \phi) \\ -\sin(\Delta \phi) & \cos(\Delta \phi) \end{pmatrix}
$$
 (5)

$$
\delta \vec{u} = R(s, s_0) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \sqrt{\beta} \theta_x \end{pmatrix} \exp \left(-\frac{\alpha}{c_0} \int_{s_0}^s ds \right) \tag{6}
$$

where $\Delta \phi = \int_{s_0}^{s} \frac{ds}{\beta(s)}$ is the phase advance, β the betatron function, θ_x the transverse kick angle at s_0 and c_0 light velocity in vacuum. We can further specify the perturbation term in Eq. [\(4\)](#page-1-3) in terms of the transformation in presence of radiation damping, diffusion due to the quantum excitation, $\delta \vec{u}_{ge}$, and the external perturbation due to BGS, $\delta \vec{u}_{ex}$

$$
\vec{u}(s) = R(s, s_0)\vec{u}(s_0) \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha}{c_0} \int_{s_0}^s ds\right) + \delta \vec{u}_{qe} + \delta \vec{u}_{ex}
$$
\n(7)

The stationary distribution is determined by the integral of all stochastic processes. Since particle distributions under the influence of radiation damping and quantum excitation are well understood, it is convenient to express the distribution function $\psi(u)$ as

$$
\psi(u) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int e^{i\omega u} \tilde{\psi}_t(\omega) \tilde{\psi}_f(\omega) d\omega \tag{8}
$$

where $\tilde{\psi}_t(\omega)$ is the characteristic function in the presence of radiation damping and quantum excitation

$$
\tilde{\psi}_t(\omega) = \exp(-\omega^2 \sigma_t^2/2) \tag{9}
$$

and σ_t is the beam size in absence of external perturbation. The characteristic function $\tilde{\psi}_f(\omega)$ has been derived in Refs. [\[8\]](#page-8-3) and [\[20\]](#page-8-10), thanks to Campbell's theorem [\[21\]](#page-8-11). Here, we use the formalism in Ref. [\[8\]](#page-8-3) where the stochastic perturbation is treated over many betatron oscillation periods. Approximating β by its average value over the ring, $\bar{\beta}$, the characteristic function $\tilde{\psi}_f(\omega)$ can be written as

$$
\tilde{\psi}_f(\omega) = \exp\left[\frac{N}{\alpha}\hat{f}\left(\omega\sqrt{\bar{\beta}}\right)\right]
$$
 (10)

where

$$
\hat{f}(\tilde{\omega}) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^1 d\zeta \frac{\Re[\tilde{f}(\tilde{\omega}\zeta)] - 1}{\zeta} \cos^{-1}\zeta \qquad (11)
$$

and

$$
\tilde{f}(\tilde{\omega}) = \int d\theta_x f(\theta_x) \cos(\tilde{\omega}\theta_x) \tag{12}
$$

The factor N is the scattering rate of a test particle, $\Re[\tilde{f}(\tilde{\omega}\zeta)]$ the real part of $\tilde{f}(\tilde{\omega}\zeta)$ and $f(\theta_x)$ is the probability distribution for a deflection angle $\theta_{\rm r}$. The final distribution function can be expressed as

$$
\psi(u) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega u} \exp\left[-\frac{\omega^2 \sigma_t^2}{2} + \frac{N}{\alpha} \hat{f}\left(\omega \sqrt{\bar{\beta}}\right)\right] d\omega \qquad (13)
$$

This characteristic function is an even function, so only the cosine part remains after performing the integration

$$
\psi(u) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \cos(\omega u) \exp\left[-\frac{\omega^2 \sigma_t^2}{2} + \frac{N}{\alpha} \hat{f}\left(\omega \sqrt{\hat{\beta}}\right)\right] d\omega\tag{14}
$$

The transverse distribution in x can be described by

$$
\psi(x_i) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \cos(\omega x_i) \exp\left[-\frac{\omega^2 \sigma_{x_i}^2}{2} + \frac{N}{\alpha} \hat{f}\left(\omega \sqrt{\bar{\beta} \beta_i}\right)\right] d\omega
$$
\n(15)

where x_i is the horizontal coordinate at position i, σ_{x_i} the equilibrium horizontal beam size in presence of radiation damping and quantum excitation, and β_i is the beta function at the observation point.

To obtain the numerical form of the distribution function $\psi(u)$ or $\psi(x)$, we have to first evaluate $\tilde{f}(\tilde{\omega})$ in the presence of BGS. Treating BGS as the classical Rutherford scattering process and considering the screening effect, the cross section in the CGS system of unit is given by

$$
\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{2Zr_e}{\gamma}\right)^2 \frac{1}{(\theta^2 + \theta_m^2)^2}
$$
(16)

where Ω is the solid angle, Z the atomic number, r_e the classical electron radius, γ the Lorentz factor, θ the transverse deflection angle and θ_m the minimum angle due to electron shielding

$$
\theta_m = \frac{\alpha_0 Z^{1/3}}{\gamma} \tag{17}
$$

where α_0 is the fine structure constant. The transverse deflection angle θ can be further specified as

$$
\theta^2 = \theta_x^2 + \theta_y^2. \tag{18}
$$

Note $\theta_x \in [-\theta_{x,\text{max}}, \theta_{x,\text{max}}]$ and the same for θ_y . The differential $d\sigma/d\theta_x$ can be obtained by integration of Eq. [\(16\)](#page-2-0) over the vertical deflection angle θ_{y} . If we assume $\theta_{y,\text{max}} \gg \sqrt{\theta_x^2 + \theta_m^2}$, $d\sigma/d\theta_x$ can be approximated by

$$
\frac{d\sigma}{d\theta_x} \approx \frac{\pi}{2} \left(\frac{2Zr_e}{\gamma}\right)^2 \frac{1}{(\theta_x^2 + \theta_m^2)^{3/2}}.
$$
 (19)

Then the total cross section σ_{tot} , probability function $f(\theta_x)$ and scattering rate N become

$$
\sigma_{\text{tot}} = \int_{-\theta_{x,\text{max}}}^{\theta_{x,\text{max}}} \frac{d\sigma}{d\theta_x} d\theta_x = \frac{4\pi Z^2 r_e^2}{\gamma^2 \theta_m^2} \tag{20}
$$

$$
f(\theta_x) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}} \frac{d\sigma}{d\theta_x} = \frac{\theta_m^2}{2(\theta_x^2 + \theta_m^2)^{3/2}}
$$
(21)

$$
N = \rho_v \sigma_{\text{tot}} c_0 \tag{22}
$$

where ρ_v is the volume density of residual gas atoms. Following the derivation in Ref. [\[8\]](#page-8-3), functions $\tilde{f}(\tilde{\omega})$ and $\hat{f}(\tilde{\omega})$ are finally expressed as

$$
\tilde{f}(\tilde{\omega}) = \tilde{\omega} K_1(\tilde{\omega})
$$
\n
$$
\hat{f}(\tilde{\omega}) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^1 d\zeta \frac{\tilde{\omega}\zeta K_1(\tilde{\omega}\zeta) - 1}{\zeta} \cos^{-1}\zeta
$$
\n(23)

where K_1 is the modified Bessel function of first order. Estimates of the beam profile using Eq. [\(15\)](#page-2-1) for the ATF damping ring are shown in Fig. [4.](#page-4-0)

FIG. 2. Horizontal (a) and vertical (b) COD measured by BPMs in January 2017 and approached by local orbit bumps.

B. Tracking simulations

Generation and tracking of core particles and scattered particles were performed through a script developed in SAD [\[22\]](#page-8-12), a program used for optical matching and closed-orbit distortion (COD) correction during beam operation. The equilibrium vertical emittance ϵ _y is mainly determined by the residual vertical dispersion η_v and cross-plane betatron coupling, both of which strongly depend on the magnet alignment errors and the resulting COD [\[15,23\].](#page-8-9) The vertical emittance can be modeled by introducing random vertical displacements to quadrupoles and sextupoles (20 μ m, RMS), and rotations of quadrupoles (2 mrad, RMS). The equilibrium emittance ϵ_{y} , obtained for various seeds ranges from 5 pm to 30 pm. Alternatively, the actual COD measured by BPMs can be modeled by local orbit bumps using steering magnets, as shown in Fig. [2](#page-3-0). Equilibrium emittances are 12 pm and 1.2 nm, vertically and horizontally, respectively, for a realistic COD. The latter can better represent the realistic orbit and beam parameters, and is therefore used in our BGS simulations. The emittances and beam sizes considered here and in the following are evaluated by Gaussian fits to the beam core distributions.

Tracking of both scattered and non-scattered particles is performed element-by-element utilizing the beam parameters at injection shown in Table [I](#page-1-1). The simulation of scattered particles is performed as follows [\[24\]](#page-8-13). First, in each turn, the number of scattering events and their perturbations are generated randomly according to the residual gas pressure and the cross section. Second, perturbations in the 6D phase space of particles are implemented at random longitudinal positions to simulate particle scattering. The location of particle scattering is approximated to be at the closest element, which determines the local Twiss parameters and orbit. Third, the scattered particles in the present turn are transported to the observation point (at the location of the extraction kicker), to be combined with the scattered particles accumulated from the previous turns. The above process is then repeated until beam extraction. In addition, the possibility of multi-BGS has been considered.

In order to estimate beam profile in the ATF2 beam line, stored particles are extracted and transported to diagnostic points. Twiss parameters of the ATF2 lattice are well matched with the damping ring lattice at the extraction kicker. Orbit distortion of the extracted beam in the kicker-septum region can be represented by a coordinate transformation. The " 10×1 " optics [\[14\]](#page-8-8) of the ATF2, with beta-functions of $\beta_x = 40$ mm and $\beta_y = 0.1$ mm at the IP, is used.

Estimates of the vacuum lifetime τ_v , which depends directly on the gas pressure, supply benchmarks for the simulations. We assume $Z = \sqrt{50}$ and two atoms per molecule, which approximates air or CO [\[8\]](#page-8-3), to represent the residual gas. For an average gas pressure of 1×10^{-6} Pa, the calculated value of τ _{*v*} is 83 min [\[25\].](#page-8-14) Meanwhile, the simulated value is 87 min using the equilibrium beam parameter and realistic physical apertures.

Vacuum beam lifetime was also measured at ATF, assuming the beam lifetime is dominated by Touschek scattering and elastic BGS. The time dependence of the beam intensity can be described by

$$
n(t) = 1 - \alpha \int_0^t dt' P(t') n(t') - \frac{1}{\tau_{Tou}(\kappa)} \int_0^t n^2(t') dt' \quad (24)
$$

where $n(t) = N(t)/N_0$ is the normalized beam intensity, $\alpha = 1/(\tau_p P)$ a coefficient related to the vacuum lifetime τ_v and gas pressure P, and τ_{Tou} is the Touschek lifetime. The decay of the beam current and the variation of the average gas pressure are shown in Fig. [3](#page-3-1) for different vertical emittances. The coefficient α is around 1000 Pa⁻¹ s⁻¹, and $\tau_v \approx 16$ min, as determined by fitting the current decay with

FIG. 3. Evolution of the averaged gas pressure (a) and current decay of the stored beam (b) in the ATF damping ring.

FIG. 4. Comparison of vertical (a) and horizontal (b) beam distortion between analytic approximation and simulation. A tracking time of more than 2 damping times is essential to reach the equilibrium.

Eq. [\(24\)](#page-3-2). Such a reduction in the experimentally measured vacuum lifetime has been reported in Ref. [\[26\]](#page-8-15) and Ref. [\[27\],](#page-8-16) which suggest the probable beam loss channels: (1) existence of a larger horizontal beam halo induced by other mechanisms; (2) reduction of the dynamic aperture due to sextupole components at the entrance/exit of the combined function bending magnets.

The cross section of elastic beam-gas scattering is inversely proportional to θ^2 and therefore the large-angle events are infrequent. Thus, we set an upper bound on the scattering angle at 100 θ_m , which is much larger than the RMS divergence of core particles. The minimum angle θ_m for the ATF beam is 5.5μ rad. To acquire sufficient statistics, the number of accumulated particle scattering events can be as many as 2×10^7 . These simulations indicate that at least twice the damping time is essential to reach the equilibrium distribution in the ATF damping ring. For the typical vacuum level of 5×10^{-7} Pa, satisfactory agreement between the analytical calculation using Eq. [\(15\)](#page-2-1) and the simulation is observed (see Fig. [4\)](#page-4-0), where the distribution is normalized to the core beam size. After such a normalization, the horizontal tail/halo appears lower than the vertical halo by around two orders of magnitude, due to the flat aspect ratio of the ATF beam, the horizontal beam size being typically ten times larger than the vertical.

FIG. 5. Dependence of vertical (a) and horizontal (b) beam profiles on vacuum pressure.

The probability of BGS depends on the density of residual molecules, and therefore, the beam halo can increase for higher vacuum pressure in the ring. Presently, the average gas pressure obtained in the normal operation is 2×10^{-7} Pa, which can be adjusted by turning off some of the sputtering ions pumps (SIPs). Simulations have been performed for three different pressure levels which were achieved in operation. Significant increases of the beam tail/halo can be observed for higher vacuum pressure, as shown in Fig. [5.](#page-4-1)

III. EXPERIMENTAL HALO MEASUREMENTS

A. Experimental setup and procedures

Two beam halo detectors based on chemical vapor deposition (CVD) single crystal diamond sensors have been built and installed after the IP. Each diamond sensor is 500 μ m thick, with the metalization arranged in four strips, two broad ones with the dimensions of 1.5 mm \times 4 mm and two narrow ones of 0.1 mm \times 4 mm. The strips and related circuitry are mounted on a ceramic printed circuit board (PCB) and placed in vacuum. All the strips are biased at -400 V and connected to 50 Ω resistors by coaxial cables for signal readout by an oscilloscope, as shown in Fig. [6](#page-5-0). To suppress high frequency noise on the supplied bias voltage and to provide a sufficient reserve of charge for the largest signals, a low-pass filter together with charging

FIG. 6. Layout of diamond sensor on ceramic PCB (left) and the data acquisition system (right).

capacitors are mounted on the backside of the ceramic PCB [\[12\]](#page-8-4). Since the DS are located behind a large bending magnet, the horizontal dispersion is close to 1 m for the " 10×1 " optics.

The linear dynamic range of the diamond was demonstrated to be $10⁴$, with a lower limit of $10³$ electrons, which is mainly determined by pickup noise induced by the passage of the beam in the vicinity, and a linear response up to 2×10^7 electrons, which is limited by charge collection saturation effects in the diamond. Since a few thousand electrons is acceptable as background noise for the preliminary halo measurement, emphasis was put on the suppression of the saturation effect for the large signals. In the beam core region, the readout becomes nonlinear and the waveform can be strongly distorted both due to space charge inside the diamond crystal bulk and to the instantaneous voltage drop in the 50 Ω resistor, as shown in Fig. [7\(a\)](#page-5-1). The response of the output signal with respect to the charge collected by the DS strip is shown in Fig. [7\(b\)](#page-5-1). The number of electrons striking the diamond can be evaluated according to the beam intensity and transverse beam size, although this can involve some uncertainties due to the instabilities at high intensity.

Rather than reconstructing the waveform based on the charge collection dynamics [\[28\],](#page-8-17) a "self-calibration" method was proposed to enable suitable correction of the core profile. In this case, the beam core distribution could be measured by a wire scanner (WS) located 2.89 m upstream and propagated to the DS to predict the number of electrons striking each strip according to its position with respect to the beam center. Subsequently, the charge Q_{exn} which would be collected in the absence of saturation was computed based on the known electron hole pairs generation and charge collection efficiency measured at low incident charge [\[12\]](#page-8-4). The rescaling factor κ was then defined as the ratio of Q_{exp} to the charge signal readout, and applied to rescale the DS data within beam core. After such rescaling based on "self-calibration," the linear dynamic range could be extended beyond $10⁵$ for the populations of collected electrons ranging from 1×10^3 to

FIG. 7. Typical waveforms measured with the DS within the core region where beam center at around 57 mm (a) and charge signal as a function of the quantity of collected electrons (b).

more than 5×10^8 . The corrected beam profile is shown in Fig. [8](#page-6-0).

B. Transverse beam distribution

The transverse beam halo was measured using the DS for various vacuum pressures in the ATF damping ring. Beam intensity was stabilized at 3×10^{-9} e/pulse, and the residual gas pressure was increased by switching off SIPs in the arc sections and north straight section of the ATF damping ring.

Measured vertical beam halo distributions, after implementing the rescaling corrections, are consistent with predictions from tracking simulations, as shown in Fig. [9\(a\).](#page-6-1) Moreover, the enhancement of the vertical halo for degraded vacuum pressures is clearly observed. Good agreement between simulations and experiments indicates that the dominant mechanism for vertical halo formation is elastic BGS in the ring.

The measured horizontal beam distributions were also corrected using the described self-calibration method. The reconstructed beam profiles are higher than the predictions from BGS and asymmetrical distributions are observed, with more halo particles on the right side (high energy

FIG. 8. Ideal and actual charge collections on the DS strip as a function of incident electron population for the evaluation of rescaling factor (a) and comparison of vertical beam profile before and after correction (b).

side), as shown in Fig. [9\(b\)](#page-6-1). In addition, the evolution of the beam halo with the vacuum level was found to be negligible, which might be due to insufficient sensitivity, since the background noise level is around 0.01 nC. The DS being located in a high dispersion region after a large horizontal bending magnet ($\eta_x \approx 1$ m), potential non-Gaussian tails in the energy distribution of the beam may also play a role.

IV. EMITTANCE GROWTH FROM BEAM GAS SCATTERING

Large-angle scattering events are rare but can induce large betatron oscillation amplitudes, which drive particles into the halo region. Small-angle scattering events have higher probability and will act analogously to quantum excitation. They can dilute the core particle distribution and cause emittance growth.

For typical vacuum pressures (10[−]⁷–10[−]⁶ Pa) at ATF, vertical emittance dilution is estimated with the beam distribution function derived in Sec. [I](#page-0-2) and using Monte Carlo simulation. We assume that the worst vacuum pressure is 5×10^{-6} Pa and the equilibrium vertical emittance (without BGS and IBS) is 12.8 pm. This value is increased to 18.4 pm and 18.9 pm, as predicted by the analytic approximation and Monte Carlo simulation (see Fig. [10\)](#page-7-0), respectively.

To further probe the above predictions, measurements of vertical emittance were performed for vacuum pressures ranging from 2.5×10^{-7} Pa to 1.75×10^{-6} Pa. Vertical emittance was evaluated from the beam size measured by an X-ray synchrotron radiation (XSR) monitor and the corresponding β function [\[29\]](#page-8-18). The observed vertical emittance increases from 12.63 ± 0.46 pm to 16.02 ± 0.98 pm, which is higher than the simulation result, see Fig. [11\(a\).](#page-7-1) The difference might be caused by the uncertainty in the vacuum pressure measurement, systematic errors in the XSR monitor or some other physical process contributing to emittance growth [\[30\]](#page-8-19). Moreover, the vertical beam size monitored by the XSR reduces from 7.02 μ m to 6.2 μ m when the vacuum pressure recovers from 1.75×10^{-6} Pa to 2.5×10^{-7} Pa, as shown in Fig. [11\(b\)](#page-7-1). This evidence indicates that emittance growth due to BGS is also visible for typical vacuum pressures of

FIG. 9. Vertical (a) and horizontal (b) beam profiles normalized to beam core sizes for different vacuum pressures. The widths of the bands shown for the predictions from the BGS simulation represent the uncertainty of the beam size measurement.

FIG. 10. Emittance growth as a function of vacuum pressure predicted by analytic calculation and Monte Carlo simulation.

FIG. 11. Evaluation of vertical emittance with respect to vacuum pressure of the ring (a) and evolution of beam size measured by XSR when all SIPs were reset at $t = 0$ (b). Band width of the vertical emittance estimated by simulation is due to the 10% uncertainty for the determination of the vertical emittance in absence of BGS.

 \sim 10⁻⁶ Pa and should be taken into account in the design of low-emittance storage ring.

V. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

To explore the primary mechanisms of halo formation at ATF, systematic analytical calculations, simulations and experimental measurements have been carried out. We applied formulas to approximate the beam distribution function in the presence of radiation damping, quantum excitation and BGS in the normalized coordinate system. The simplified formalism, Eq. [\(15\),](#page-2-1) is suitable for the estimation of beam halo, and also the beam core dilution.

For accurate predictions of the beam distribution distortion, a detailed Monte Carlo simulation was developed in the context of the SAD program. The actual COD and equilibrium beam parameters were modeled by introducing local orbit bumps using steering magnets. We attempted to benchmark the simulations using the vacuum lifetime, which was found to be 83 and 87 min, for the two numerical methods, respectively, while the measured value was 16 min. The presence of additional horizontal beam halo, from sources other than BGS, and the reduced dynamic aperture due to nonlinear fields, e.g., sextupole and octupole fields near pole-tip of quadrupole magnets, and high-order components at the extrance and exit of combined function bending magnets, may be reasons for this difference [\[31\]](#page-8-20).

To extend the dynamic range of the diamond sensor detector used for the halo measurements, a rescaling scheme based on self-calibration was applied to the DS data. After the rescaling correction, an effective dynamic range of $10⁵$ was achieved. Vertical and horizontal beam halo were measured for several vacuum pressures. For the vertical halo, good agreement between numerical estimations and experimental results for the different vacuum levels was observed. This clearly showed that the vertical halo is dominated by elastic BGS in the ring. On the other hand, the horizontal halo measured by the DS is higher than the BGS prediction and found to be asymmetric. The change in horizontal halo as a function of vacuum pressure is also negligible. This shows that BGS has almost no influence on the horizontal beam halo and other processes (e.g. chromaticity, Touschek scattering, and resonances) may play important roles.

Simulations and experimental observations of the vertical beam distribution clearly demonstrate that, for typical vacuum pressures in the ATF damping ring, halo generation, and emittance growth due to BGS are both measurable and significant.

Further studies of beam halo formation at the ATF have been proposed, including the installation of a new YAG/Optical Transition Radiation (OTR) monitor at a dispersion-free region after extraction from the ring, halo measurements for different kicker timings and optical focusing, and investigation of tails in the momentum distribution.

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