

The following is some more detail of electron drift in the TPC. The drift of electrons basically follows the following equation.

$$\vec{v}_d = \frac{\mu E}{1 + \omega^2 \tau^2} \cdot [\hat{E} + \omega \tau \hat{E} \times \hat{B} + \omega^2 \tau^2 (\hat{E} \cdot \hat{B}) \hat{B}]$$

where  $\vec{v}_d$  is the drift velocity vector. The  $\hat{E}$  and  $\hat{B}$  are the unit vectors of the E and B fields, and  $\mu$  and  $\omega\tau$  are gas parameters (magnetic field strength is also in the  $\omega$  parameter).  $\tau$  is the mean time between collisions,  $\omega$  is the cyclotron frequency, and  $\mu$  is the electron mobility.

If I remember correctly the number that was most debated in E895 was  $\omega\tau$ . The number ranged from about 4 to 6.5 if I remember correctly. Once you know  $\omega\tau$  (I will call this  $wt$  from now on) you will have the electron drift mapping, and you should not need simulation. You can see that the behavior is quite dependent on  $wt$ . For small  $wt$  the electron just drift along the E field lines. For large  $wt$ , the last term is dominant and the electrons follow the B fields. The E cross B effect is most significant for  $wt$  near one.

The point of this is that we can easily calculate the distortions with the equation above. We just have to make some guesses about  $wt$ . Once we have data, we can extract  $wt$  from that.