# 3D Field and Detector Response Calculations With Boundary Element Method

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#### Outline

**Formalism** 

Calculating Detector Response

Geometry
Parallel Wires / fake-2D
MicroBooNE-like

Initial Response Function Results

To Do

Software

## **Detector Response**

- A single charge passing near a LArTPC wire induces a current waveform which is then shaped and digitized.
  - Collection wires too, truly collected charge makes a short, current spike.
- The waveform of a single charge depends, in fine detail, on the instantaneous values of the:
  - charge velocity (vector), ie, drift velocity.
  - charge location relative to the wire of interest as well as every other electrode in the vicinity.
- In reality, we measure an ensemble of superimposed waveforms from multiple, distributed charges.
- We must deconvolve the ensemble waveforms with some average response function to produce a good measure of distribution of drifting charge.
- ightarrow the more the average response function matches the the true, instantaneous response function the better the deconvolved LArTPC image.

#### Instantaneous Induced current

Current in  $k^{th}$  wire due to charge q at position  $\vec{r}(t)$  at time t:

$$i_k(\vec{r}(t)) = q \times (\vec{E}_{weight,k} \cdot \vec{v})$$
  
 $\vec{v} = \mu \vec{E}_{drift}(\vec{r}(t))$ 

Drift field  $\vec{E}_{drift}$  from applied high voltage

Weight field  $\vec{E}_{weight,k}$  constructed Shockley-Ramo field.

Drift Velocity  $\vec{v}(t)$  determines (mean) drift path of an electron.

Mobility  $\mu = \mu(E_{driff})$  of the drifting charge in LAr.

 $(\vec{E}_{weight,k} \text{ calculated by setting wire } k \text{ to 1V and all other electrodes to 0V.})$ 

#### The Game

- Define electrode geometry (eg, some wires + cathode).
- 2 Calculate scalar and vector fields:
  - $\phi_{driff}$  and its  $\vec{E}_{driff}$  for the given geometry.
  - $\phi_{weight,k}$  and its  $\vec{E}_{weight,k}$  for each wire of interest.
  - v velocity vector field.
  - i instantaneous scalar current field.
- 3 Step through vector vector field while sampling current field.
- Explore ways to average sampled currents to form average response functions.

### The Boundary Element Method (BEM)

- Discretize electrode surfaces with a triangular mesh.
- 2 Define potential boundary conditions on mesh elements.
- 3 Integrate Laplace equation  $\nabla^2 \phi = 0$ .
- 4 Fit integral equation to boundary values.
- **6** Evaluate at points in the volume to get  $\phi(\vec{r})$ .

A lot of math and code: rely on GMSH for meshing (1-2) and BEM++ for solving/evaluating (3-5).

## Element Methods: Boundary vs. Finite

#### **BEM**

- Meshes the surfaces.
- Fast for low surface-to-volume. (\vec{E}\_{weight,k})
- Performance relies on relatively new math discoveries.
- Relatively few software implementations.

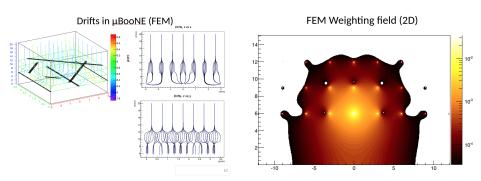
#### This work.

#### FEM

- Meshes the volume.
- Fast for high surface-to-volume. (\vec{E}\_{field})
- Adaptive meshes can improve performance.
- Many implementations, heavily used in industry.

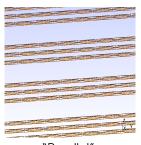
Past 2D and new 3D  $\rightarrow$ 

## Plug for Leon Rochester's FEM Work

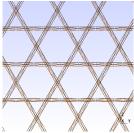


- Contemporaneous and collaborative work with Leon Rochester @ SLAC.
- Custom C++/ROOT FEM code inspired by ICARUS' FORTRAN codes.
- Realizes the benefit of the FEM approach (eg, near-surface precision).
- → Potential BEM/FEM hybrid to get the best of both.

#### Wires Meshes



"Parallel": 3mm pitch and gap all wires parallel



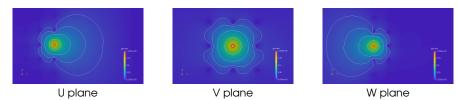
"MicroBooNE"-like: 3mm pitch and gap 60° angles for U/V.



"DUNE"-like: 5mm pitch and gap 35.7° angles for U/V.

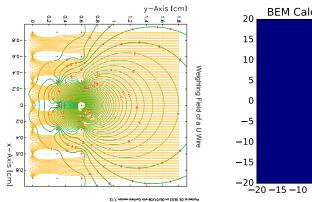
Wire generation is parameterized so easy to explore different wire patterns.

# Parallel Wires - Slice Through Weighting Potentials

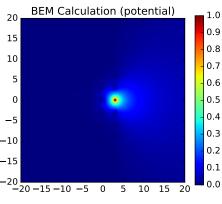


- X-Z slice through plane of symmetry (Y=0).
- Color shows weighting potential: 0-100%.
- Lines: 5%, 10%, 20%, 40% weights.

## Weighting Potential - 2D vs "2D"



Garfield 2D calculation from Bo



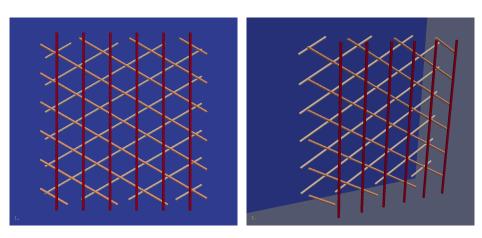
3D BEM, parallel wires, sliced at Y=0.

Initial, qualitative agreement.

More checks would be good but, good enough to continue.

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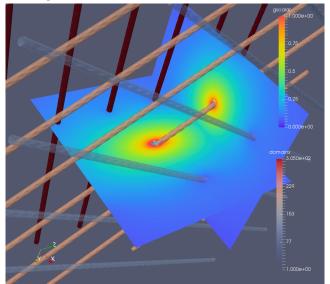
## Wire Geometry with Cathode Plane



Wires parameterized by pitch, angle, bounding box, radius.

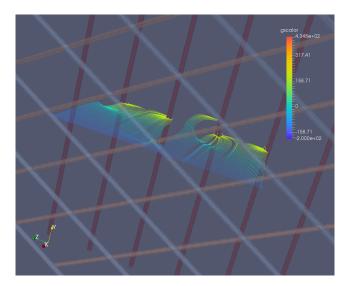
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# V-plane $\vec{E}_{weight}$ Slices



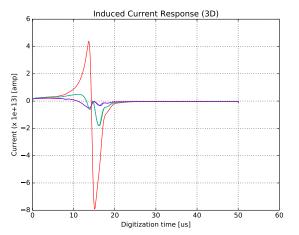
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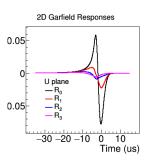
## Paraview stepping from line source



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# Initial Response Function Results





2D equivalent (from uB signal note)

Response for charge near a U-plane wire and charge passing near its nearest and next-nearest wires.

#### Preliminary, hot off the press!

## Next steps

- More validation with 2D and Leon's 3D FEM work.
- Initial results unfortunately very similar to 2D!
  - Just 2D→3D not sufficient!?
  - Go to +/- 10 neighbor wires for good 2D-deconvolution.
  - ullet Computation increases  $\sim$  linearly with number of wires
    - $\rightarrow$  (for BEM, FEM is  $N^2$ !).
- Implement protoDUNE/SP and DUNE FD geometries!
  - Many more weighting fields needed due to non-uniform wire crossing pattern
  - Need  $\sim$ 30 unique  $\vec{E}_{weight,k}$  instead of 3.
  - Can look at "edge effects" such as at APA boundaries.

#### Anyone wanting to get involved is welcome!

# LARF - Liquid Argon TPC Field Calculator

#### Some features:

- Handles pretty much everything with a simple command line interface and configuration file.
- Standard Python installation.
  - Heavy lifting: BEM++, GMSH and Numpy.
- Results stored in Sqlite3 database with result provenance.
- Multiple, common data export methods (.npz, .vtk)
  - Playes well with paraview!
- → users/developers welcome.

#### Code and docs on GitHub:

https://github.com/brettviren/larf.

Warning: docs need a refresh, contact me before reading so I can clean up.

# extras

# Stepping

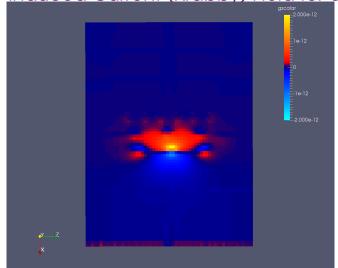
Evolution of position  $\vec{r}_k \equiv \vec{r}(t_k)$  from step k to k+1:

$$\vec{r}_k \rightarrow \vec{r}_{k+1} = \vec{r}_k + \vec{v}(\vec{r}_k) \times \Delta t_k$$

Use Adaptive Runge-Kutta + Cash/Karp ( $\sim 5^{th}$  order)

- From Numerical Recipes
- Take two different 6th order steps.
- Distance between each estimates error.
- Adjust  $\Delta t_{k+1}$  based on error
- Hugely more efficient than simple RK4
- Must still watch for stepping to get stuck at maximum.

<u>Induced Current (Krabby) Field for U Wire</u>





U-wire at center, drift goes upward, Y-Z slice, 0.5 mm voxels, current in Amps.