- 1-2)
- A) This is similar to projectile motion under a constant gravitational force; the path is parabolic. We showed this is Phys I.
- B) Let the origin be the point at which the electron enters the E field. The x axis is horizontal (+ right) and the y axis is vertical (+ down in this case). The force on the electron is $F_E = qE = m_e a_y$ towards the bottom of the page. The acceleration in the x direction is zero (no x forces). Kinematic equations: $y = y_i + v_{iy}t + \frac{1}{2a_yt^2}$ $x = x_i + v_{ix}t + \frac{1}{2a_xt^2}$ These become $y = \frac{1}{2a_yt^2} = \frac{1}{2}(qE/m_e)t^2$ $x = v_{ox}t$ Use the latter to find the time to travel: $t = x/v_{ox} = 0.03/2 \times 10^6 = 1.5 \times 10^{-8}$ seconds Now substitute back into the y equation to find E: $y = \frac{1}{2}(qE/m_p) t^2 = \frac{1}{2}(1.6 \times 10^{-19})(20,000)/(9.11 \times 10^{-31}) (1.5 \times 10^{-8})^2 = 0.395 \text{ m}$
- C) If the electron had been injected parallel to the field, its motion would be linear, or if you prefer, a very thin parabola. There would be no lateral force components to cause sideways acceleration.