

# Modeling a Thermionic Electron Source Using a Physics-Informed Neural Network

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# Accelerator Physics: Brief Overview

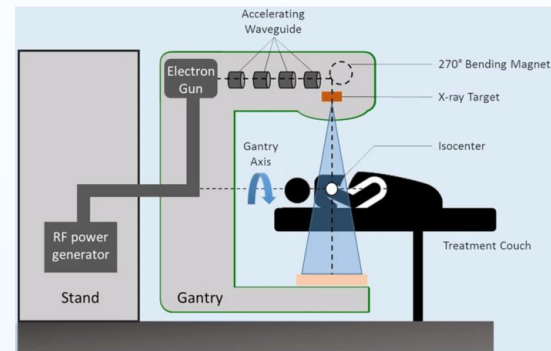


## Applications

- Research
  - Medicine
  - Industry
- } 97% Accelerators

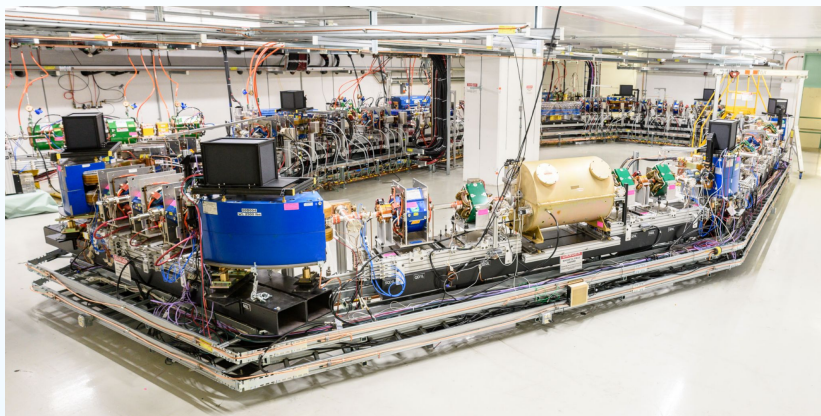
## Challenges

1. *Beam Intensity*
2. *Beam Quality*
3. *Beam Control*
4. *Beam Prediction*





# IOTA + The Electron Lens



## The Integrable Optics Test Accelerator (IOTA)

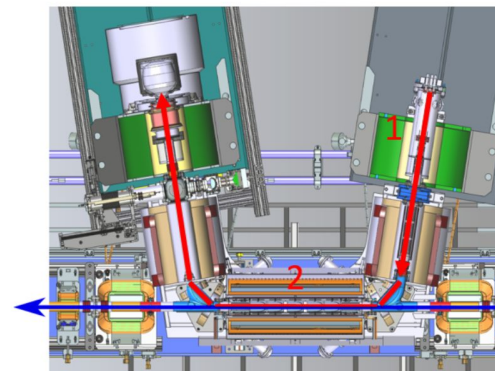


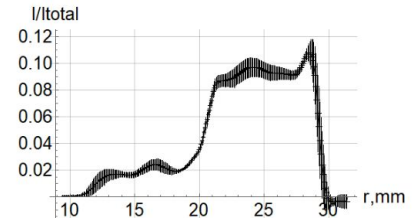
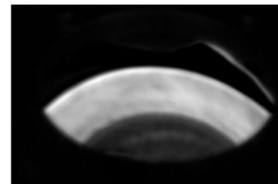
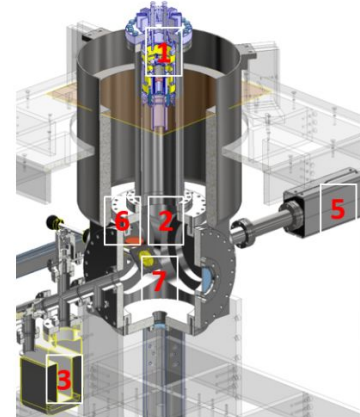
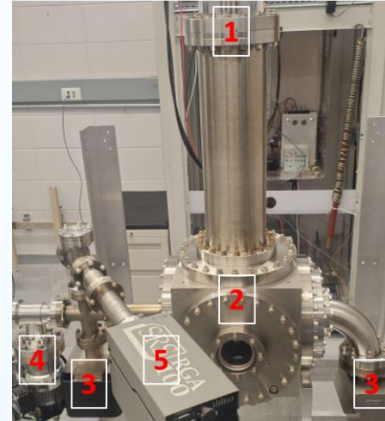
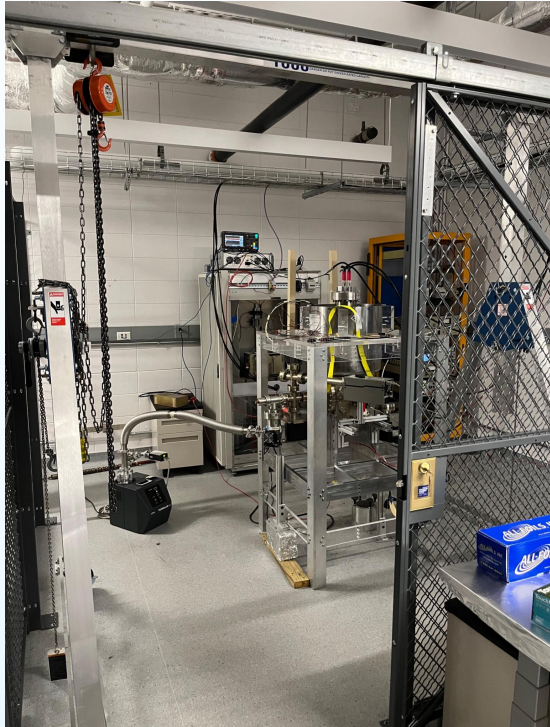
FIG. 2. Electron lens scheme. Electrons, produced in a thermionic source (1), travel with the circulating proton beam (2).

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Test Stand being researched at UChicago



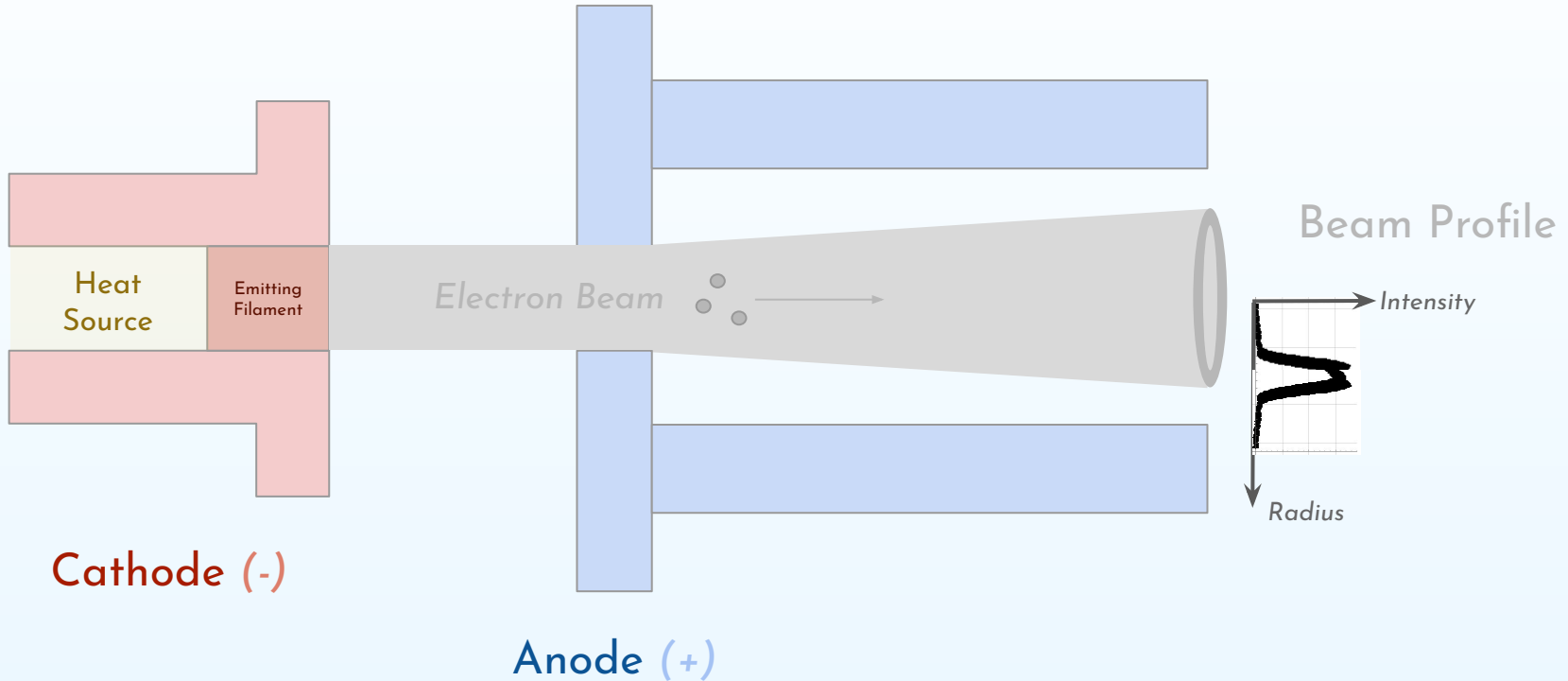
# UChicago Setup



Kladov, S., et al. (2023, July). Commissioning of the Low Energy Electron Gun Test Stand at the University of Chicago. 14th International Particle Accelerator Conference.

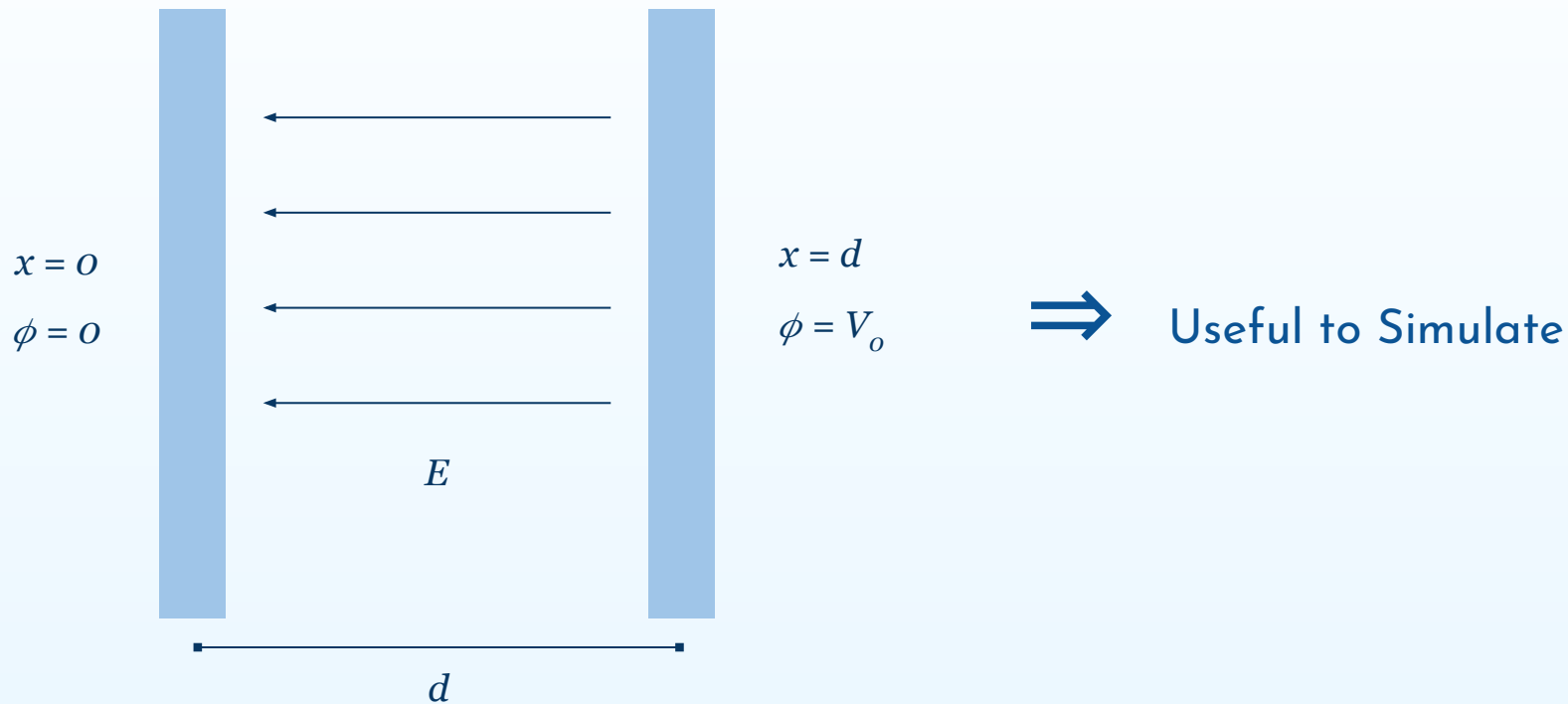


# Thermionic Electron Source



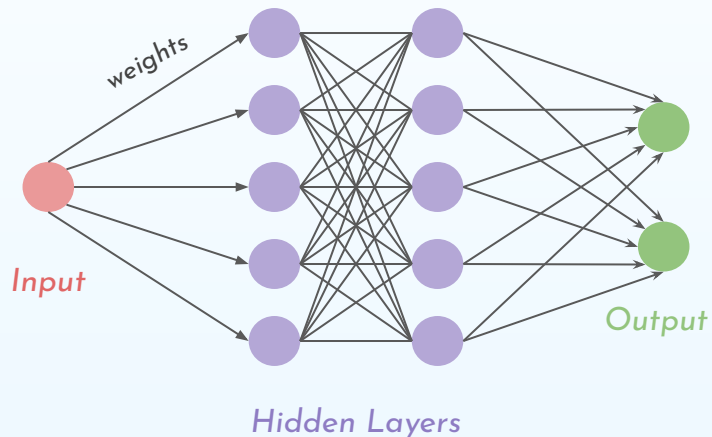


# Planar Diode Model





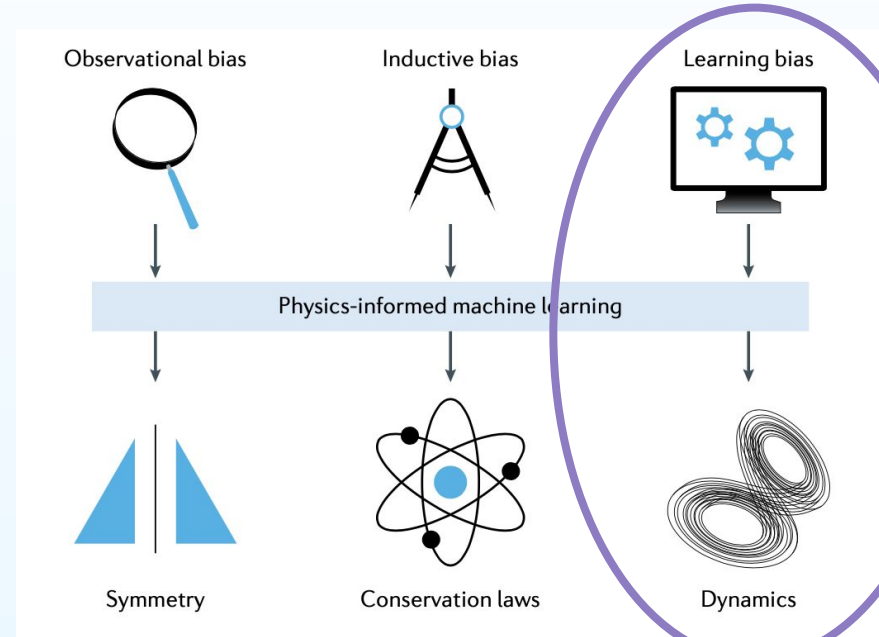
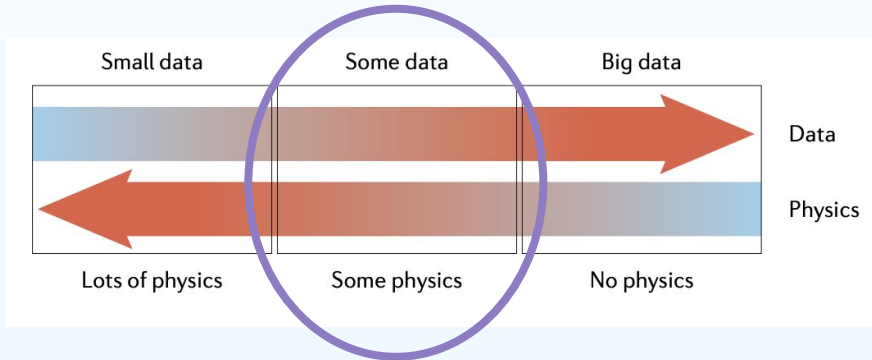
# Neural Networks



- *Goal: approximating some unknown function*
- *Loss function: Defining what the function needs to minimize*
- *Training: Adjusting weights to lower loss*



# Physics-Informed Neural Networks

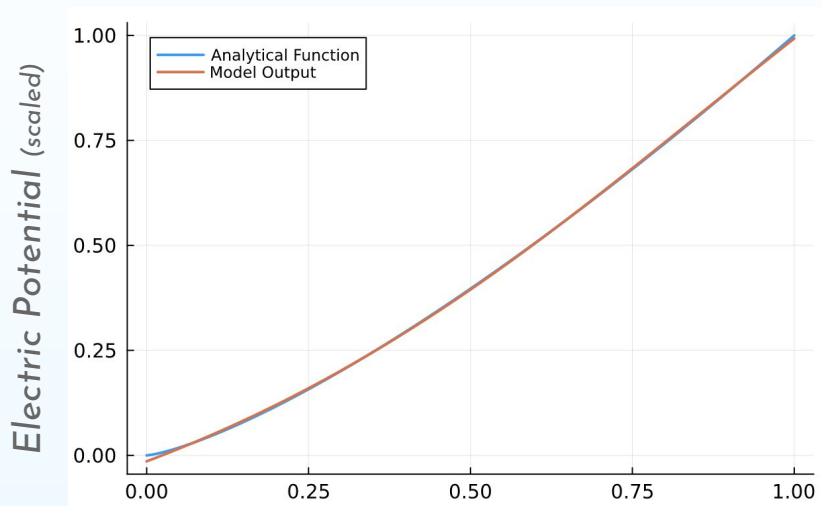


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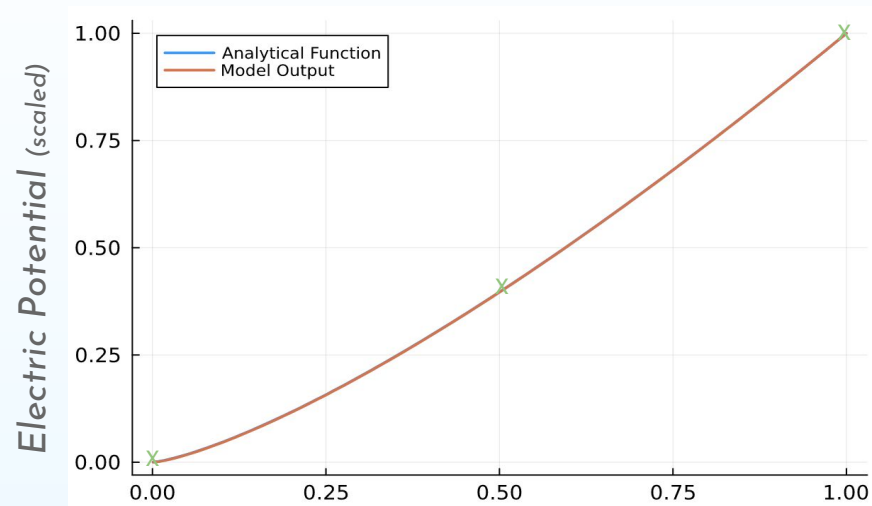
# Results: The PINN



Distance (scaled)

**Traditional Network**

512 Training Points



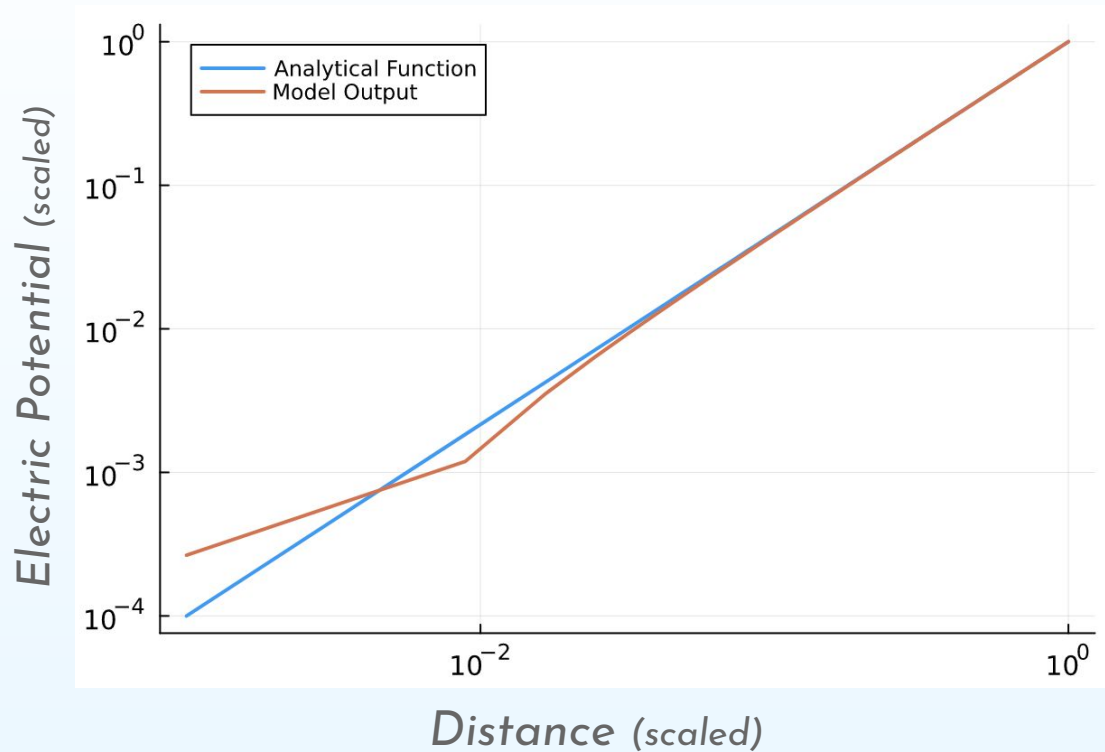
Distance (scaled)

**PINN Model**

3 Training Points



# Results: The PINN





# Conclusion + Next Steps



## Takeaways

- ❖ PINN model proof of concept demonstrated; will greatly speed up simulation time
- ❖ Model behaviour around  $x = 0$  a notable issue

## Future Focus

- ❖ Generating data based on the thermionic source beam
- ❖ Developing a PINN for the thermionic source
  - Parameterize based on current density
- ❖ Possible generalization to other accelerator components



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# Appendix: Planar Diode

$$\nabla^2 \phi = \frac{d^2 \phi}{dx^2} = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \quad (\text{Poisson's Equation})$$

$$J = \rho \frac{dx}{dt} \implies \rho = \frac{J}{\frac{dx}{dt}} \quad (\text{Current Density Definition})$$

$$\frac{m}{2} \left( \frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 = e\phi(x) \implies \frac{dx}{dt} = \sqrt{\frac{2e\phi(x)}{m}} \quad (\text{Motion Equation})$$

$$\frac{d^2 \phi}{dx^2} = \frac{J}{\epsilon_0 \sqrt{\frac{2e\phi}{m}}} \implies J = \frac{4\epsilon_0 \sqrt{2em}}{9} \frac{V_0^{\frac{3}{2}}}{d^2} = (2.33 \times 10^{-6}) \frac{V_0^{\frac{3}{2}}}{d^2}$$

(For Electrons)

$$\phi(x) = V_0 \left( \frac{x}{d} \right)^{\frac{4}{3}}$$

$$E = -\frac{4V_0}{3d^{\frac{4}{3}}} x^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Using  $E = -\nabla \phi$

# Appendix: Loss Function

$$\begin{aligned}\phi &= V_0 \tilde{\phi} \\ x &= \tilde{x} d \\ J &= J_0 \tilde{J}\end{aligned}$$

(Initial Condition #1)

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(0) &= 0 \\ V_0 \tilde{\phi}(0) &= 0 \\ \tilde{\phi}(0) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

(Initial Condition #2)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\phi}{dx} \Big|_{x=0} &= 0 \\ \frac{dV_0 \tilde{\phi}}{dx} \Big|_{x=0} &= 0 \\ \frac{d\tilde{\phi}}{d\tilde{x}} \Big|_{\tilde{x}=0} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

(ODE)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2 V_0 \tilde{\phi}}{dx^2} &= \frac{J}{\epsilon_0 \sqrt{\frac{2eV_0 \tilde{\phi}}{m}}} \\ V_0 \frac{d^2 \tilde{\phi}}{d\tilde{x}^2} &= \frac{J}{\epsilon_0 \sqrt{\frac{2eV_0 \tilde{\phi}}{m}}} \\ \frac{d^2 \tilde{\phi}}{d\tilde{x}^2} &= \frac{d^2}{\epsilon_0 \sqrt{\frac{2eV_0 \tilde{\phi}}{m}}} J\end{aligned}$$

use  $J_0 = \frac{\epsilon_0 \sqrt{\frac{2eV_0^3}{m}}}{d^2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2 \tilde{\phi}}{d\tilde{x}^2} &= \frac{\tilde{J}}{\sqrt{\tilde{\phi}}} \\ \frac{d^2 \tilde{\phi}}{d\tilde{x}^2} - \frac{\tilde{J}}{\sqrt{\tilde{\phi}}} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}l(\tilde{x}, d, V_0, \theta) &= \left( \frac{d^2 f_{\tilde{\phi}}(\tilde{x}, d, V_0, \theta)}{d\tilde{x}^2} - \underbrace{\frac{f_{\tilde{J}}(\tilde{x}, d, V_0, \theta)}{\sqrt{f_{\tilde{\phi}}(\tilde{x}, d, V_0, \theta)}}}_{\text{ODE Loss}} \right)^2 + k_1 \underbrace{(f_{\tilde{\phi}}(0, d, V_0, \theta))^2}_{\text{IC #1 Loss}} + k_2 \underbrace{\left( \frac{df_{\tilde{\phi}}(\tilde{x}, d, V_0, \theta)}{d\tilde{x}} \right)^2}_{\text{IC #2 Loss}}\end{aligned}$$

$k_1, k_2 = \text{constant coefficients (to weight the losses)}$

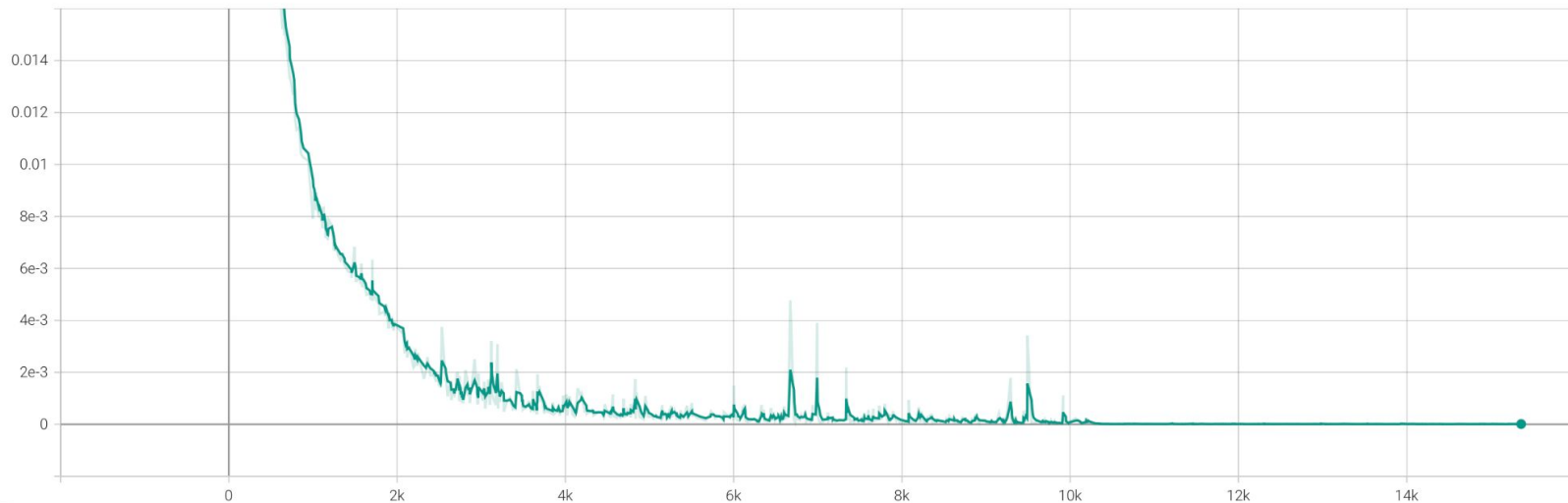
$f = \text{model output (} J \text{ or } \phi \text{) based on weights and biases } (\theta)$



# Appendix: Training Curves



train/loss  
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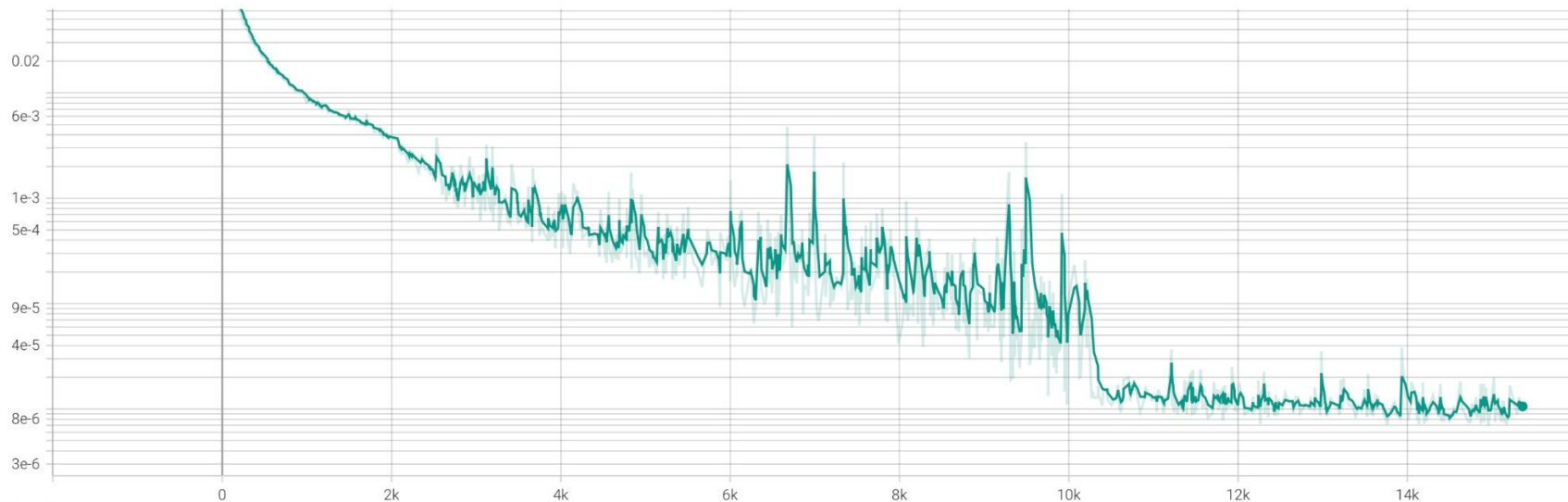




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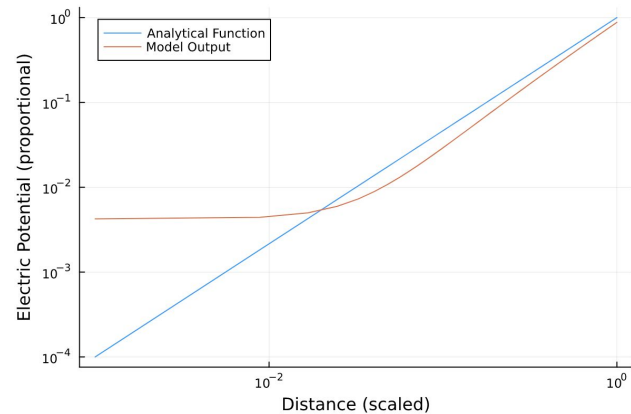
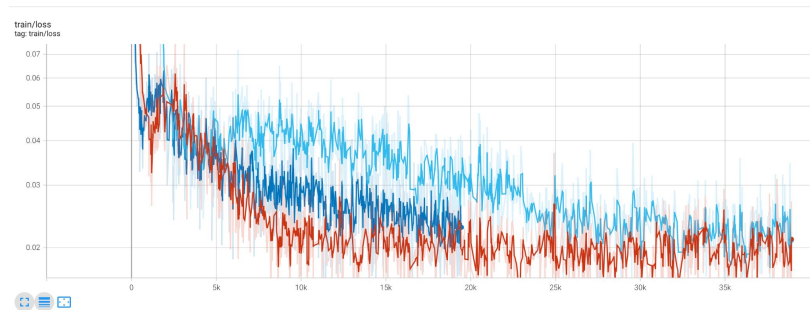
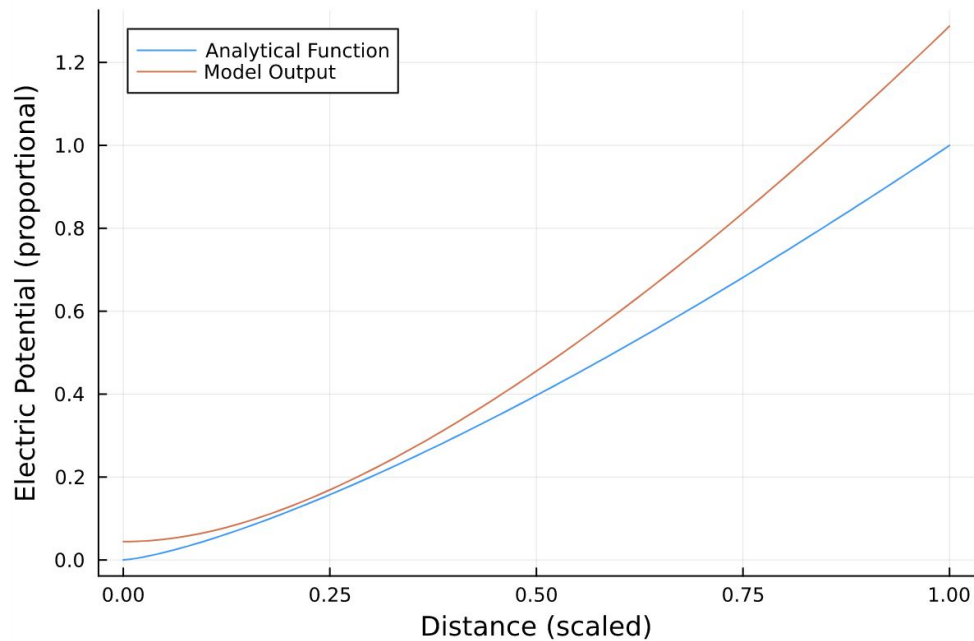


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# Appendix: Early Trials



# Appendix: IOTA Layout

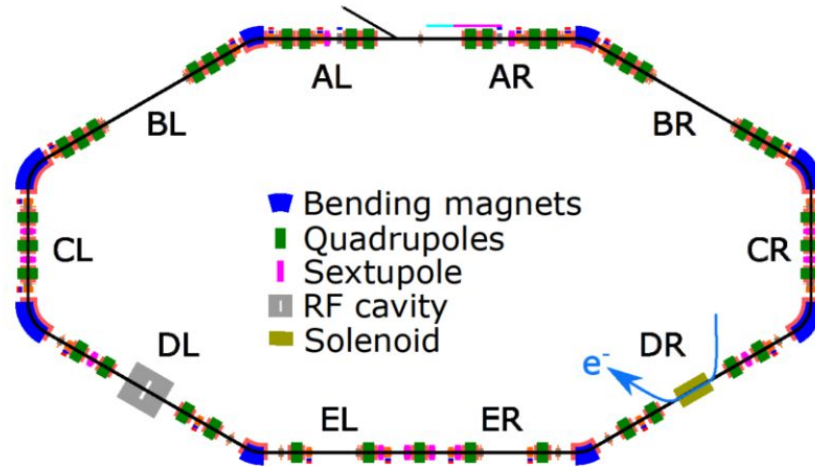


FIG. 1. IOTA ring layout. The lens will be installed in the DR line with zero dispersion.