

Analysis of Equations of State for Neutron Star Modeling

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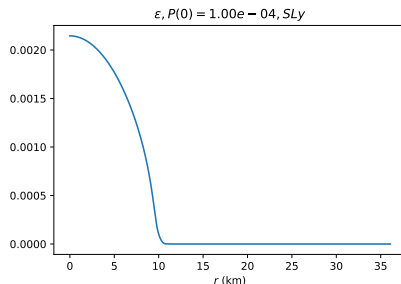
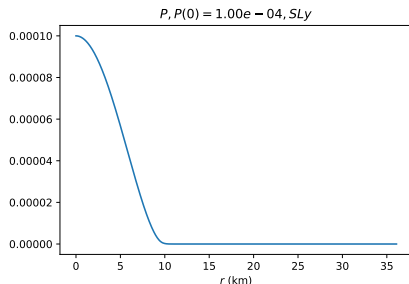


Figure: Example static solution for $P_0 = 10^{-4}$ for an EoS called “SLy.”

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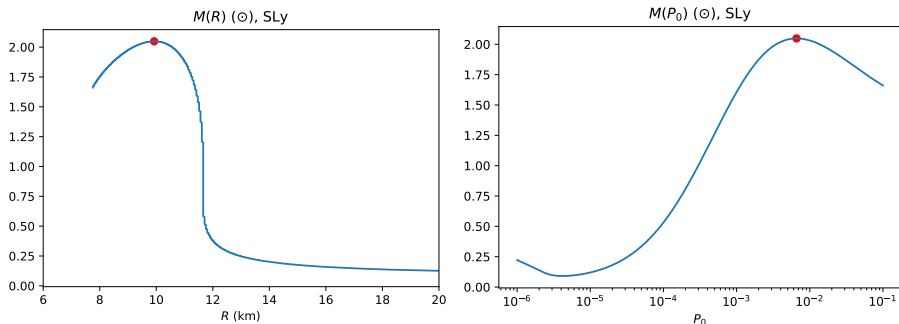
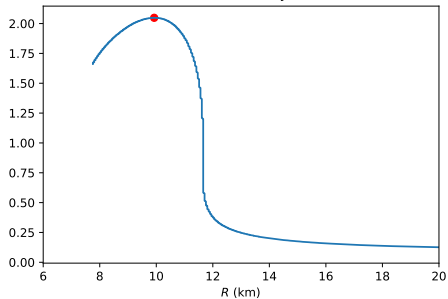


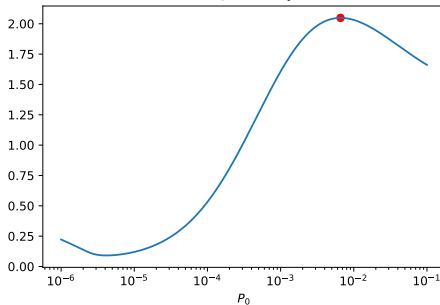
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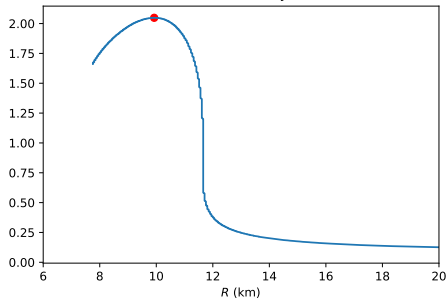


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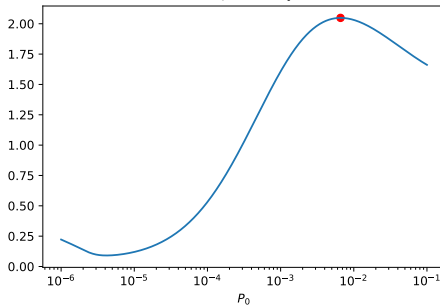


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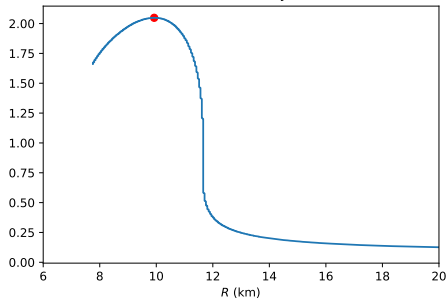
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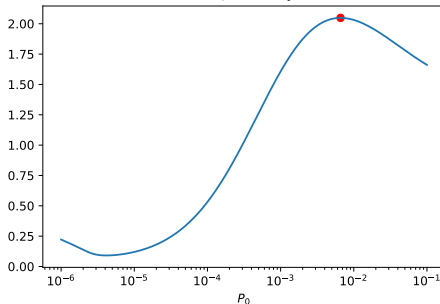
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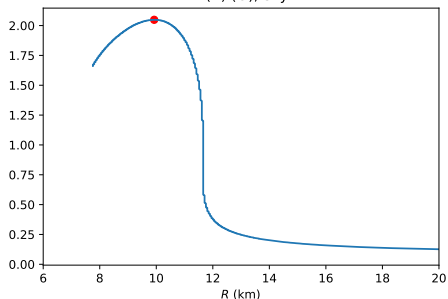
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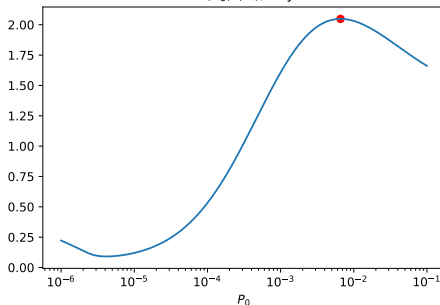
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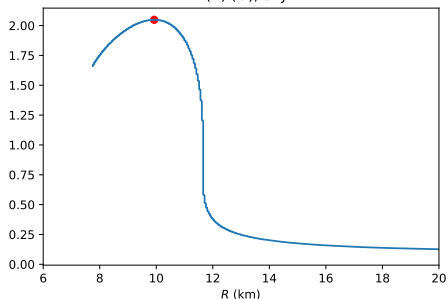


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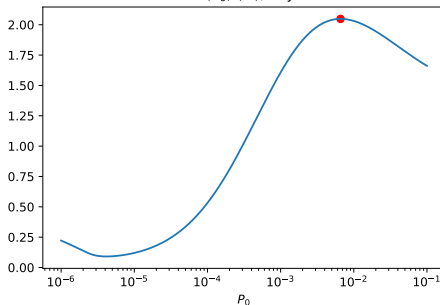
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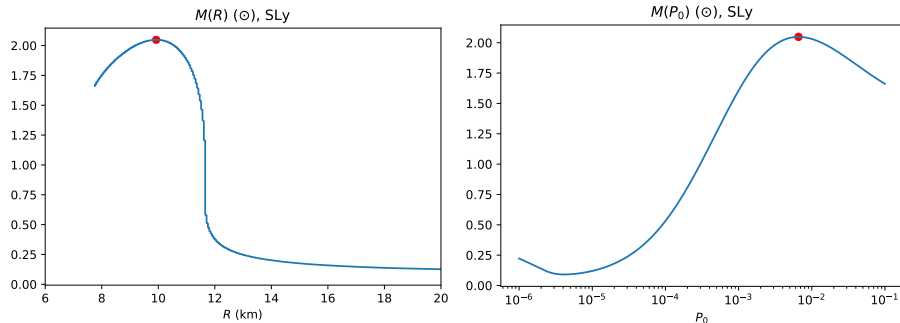
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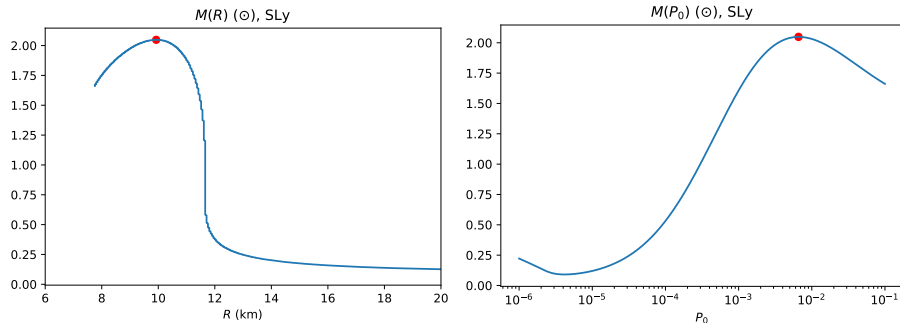
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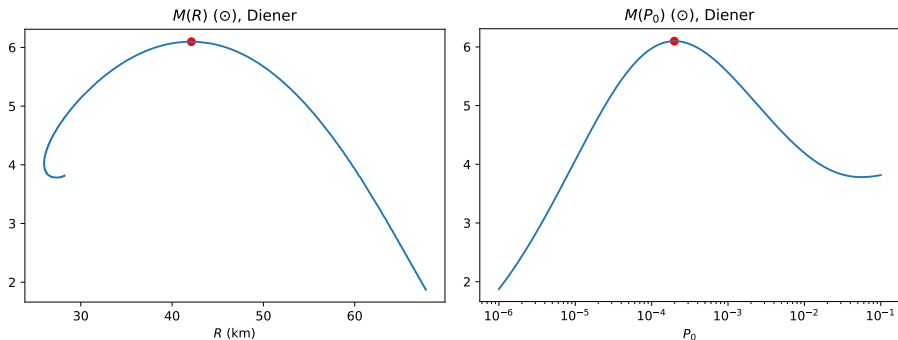


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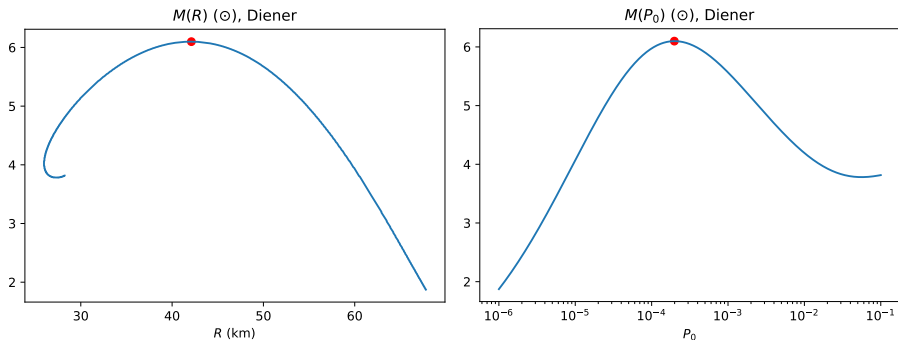


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