Analysis of Equations of State for Neutron Star Modeling

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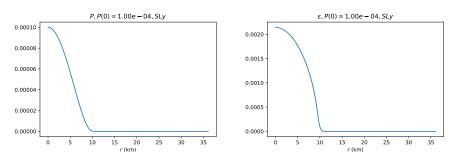


Figure: Example static solution for $P_0 = 10^{-4}$ for an EoS called "SLy."

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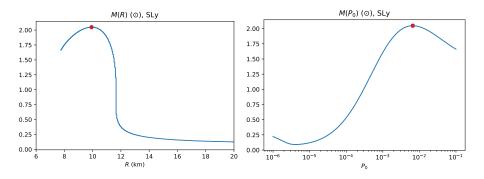
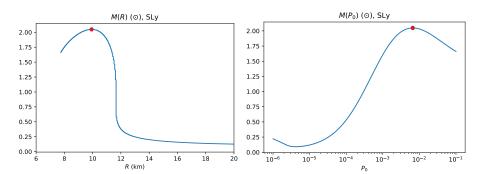
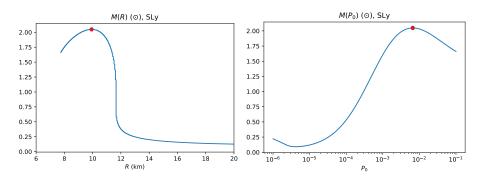
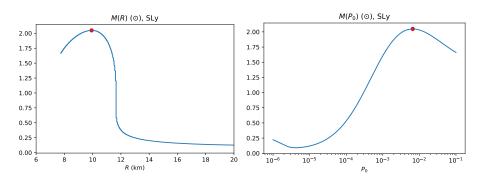


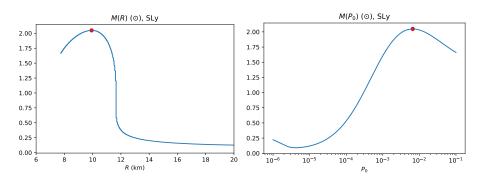
Figure: Example curves for EoS "SLy." $1 \odot = 1.989 \times 10^{30} \, \text{kg}$ (solar mass)





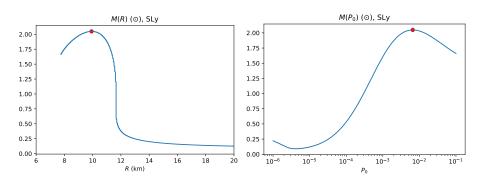
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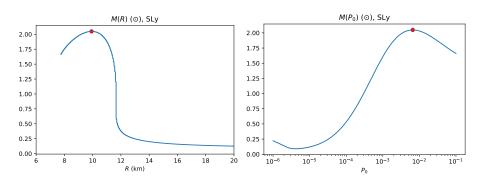


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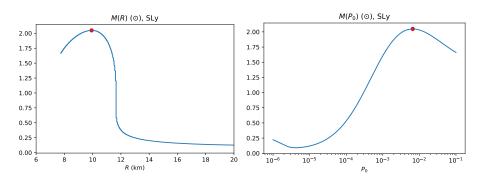
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where $m^* = (M - g_{\phi}\phi)$, the *reduced mass*.



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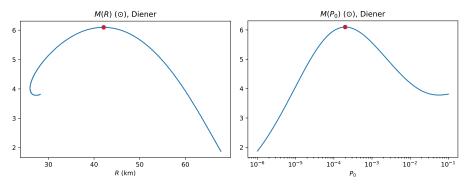


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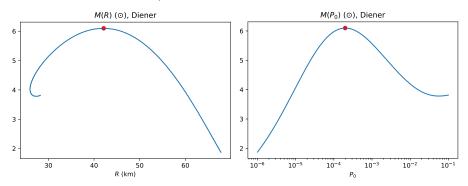


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