

I–Love–Q Relations: A Nuclear Physicist' s Perspective

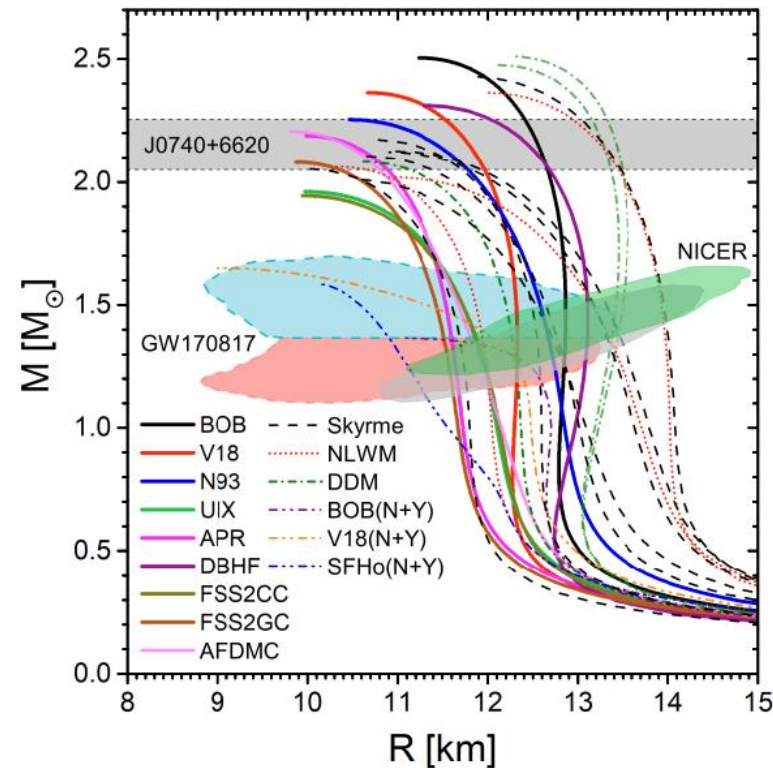
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What is the *I*-Love-*Q* relation?

Many observables of neutron stars strongly depend on the EoS



What is the I-Love-Q relation?

Surprisingly, some combinations of observables of NS (and QS) do not depend on the EoS:

Universal relation

= EoS-insensitive

e.g., I-Love-Q relation (Yagi-Yunes 2013)

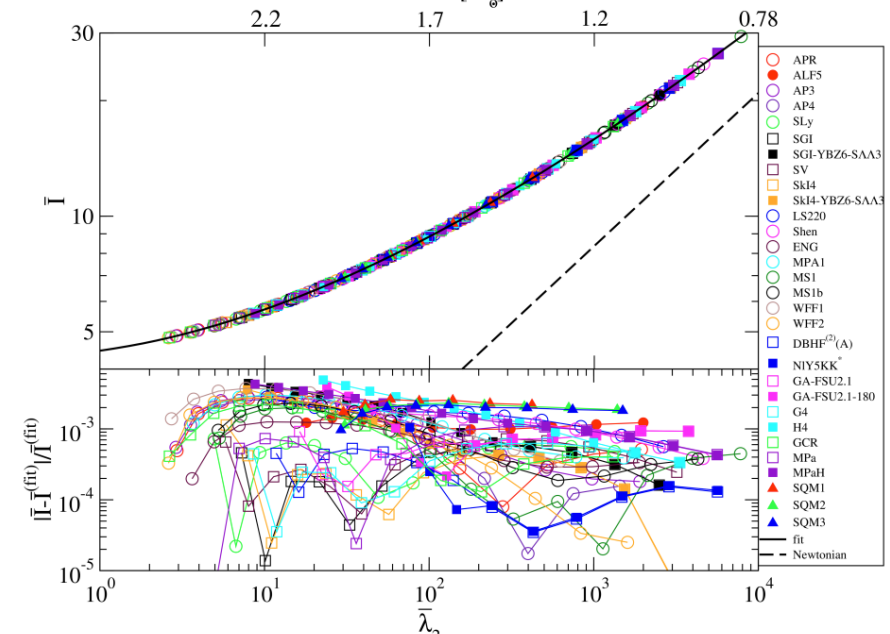
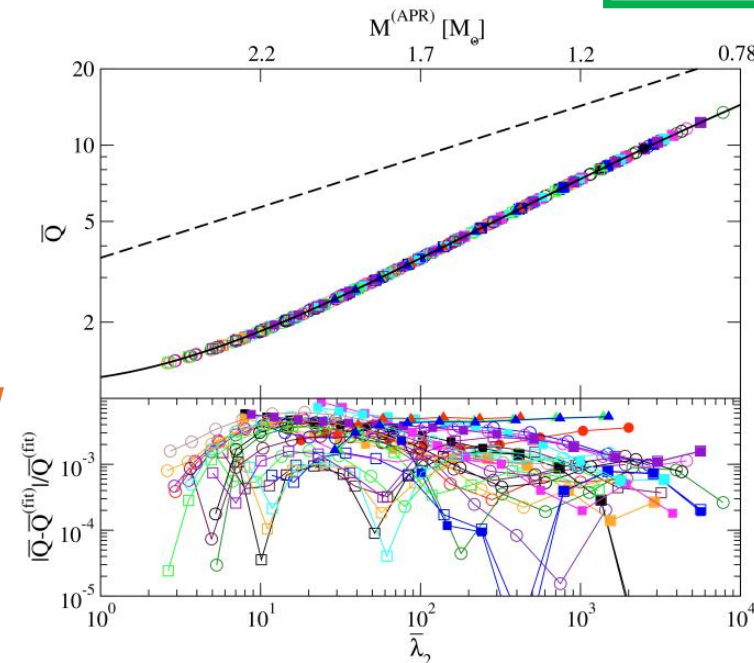
Characterize the spinning

$$\bar{I} = \frac{I}{M^3}, \bar{Q} = -\frac{Q}{M^3 S^2},$$

$$k_2^{tid}$$

Characterize the tidal deformation

Highly EoS
insensitive
within **only few**
percent error



Origin of I-Love-Q?

Since the I-Love-Q relations were discovered, several studies have been carried out to understand their origin:

Many numerical studies exist (e.g., Yagi+2014, Stein+2014, Chatziioannou+2014, ...)

But analytical understanding remains limited

- Assuming phenomenological density profile (Sham+2015)

$$\epsilon(r) = \epsilon_0 \left(1 - \delta \frac{r^2}{R^2} \right)$$

- Simplified EoS (Yagi+2014, Chan+2015)

$$\epsilon(p) = c_0 + c_1 p + c_2 p^2 + \dots$$

Can we analytically explain the universality using a more realistic EoS?

Model and Notation

1. Model: slow-rotation & small tidal-deformation (Hartle+1967, Hinderer 2008)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dp}{dc} &= -\frac{(\epsilon + p)(c + 4\pi r^2 p)}{(4\pi\epsilon r^2 - c)(1 - 2c)}, & \frac{dH_0}{dc} &= \frac{\beta r}{4\pi\epsilon r^2 - c}, \\
 \frac{dr}{dc} &= \frac{r}{4\pi\epsilon r^2 - c}, & \frac{d\beta}{dc} &= \frac{2H_0 r}{(4\pi\epsilon r^2 - c)(1 - 2c)} \left[-2\pi \left(5\epsilon + 9p + \frac{\epsilon + p}{c_s^2} \right) + \frac{3}{r^2} + \frac{2(c + 4\pi r^2 p)^2}{r^2(1 - 2c)} \right] \\
 \frac{d\bar{N}}{dc} &= -2 \frac{4\pi r^2 p + c}{(4\pi\epsilon r^2 - c)(1 - 2c)} \bar{N}, & & + \frac{2\beta}{(4\pi\epsilon r^2 - c)(1 - 2c)} [-1 + c + 2\pi r^2(\epsilon - p)], \\
 \end{aligned}$$

with Piecewise polytropic EoS

$$\epsilon(p) = K_N p^{\gamma_N}, \quad p_N \leq p < p_{N+1},$$

2. Collective notation

$$\mathcal{O} = \{p, r, \bar{N}, H_0, \beta, \omega_1, \phi, K_2, h_2\}$$

3. Use $c = \frac{m(r)}{r}$ as an expansion parameter (instead of r)

Surface of star: $c = C < 0.5$

C : compactness of star

Analytical Strategy

Let $\mathcal{U} = \{\bar{I}, \bar{Q}, k_2^{tid}\}$: the I-Love-Q quantities

1. Specify the general form of the series solution $\mathcal{O}(c)$ satisfying the initial and boundary conditions

$\bar{\Sigma}_p^{(N)}, \bar{\Sigma}_r^{(N)}$: some integration constants not determined by BC and IC

e.g., $\mathcal{O}(c) \sim \sum_{n,k,\ell} \boxed{\mathcal{O}_{nk\ell}} c^n \left(\bar{\Sigma}_p^{(N)}\right)^k \left(\bar{\Sigma}_p^{(N)}\right)^\ell$

IC, BC

Substitute $\rightarrow \frac{d\mathcal{O}}{dc} = F(\mathcal{O}; c)$

(LHS) $\sim \sum_{n,k,\ell} \mathcal{O}_{nk\ell} c^n \left(\bar{\Sigma}_p^{(N)}\right)^k \left(\bar{\Sigma}_r^{(N)}\right)^\ell$ (RHS) $\sim \sum_{n,k,\ell} \mathcal{O}_{nk\ell} c^n \left(\bar{\Sigma}_p^{(N)}\right)^k \left(\bar{\Sigma}_r^{(N)}\right)^\ell$

Expanded form must be consistent

- \longrightarrow 2. Evaluate at the surface $\mathcal{O}(C) = \mathcal{O}(c = C)$

$$\mathcal{O}(C) \sim \sum_{n,k,\ell} \mathcal{O}_{nk\ell} C^n \left(\bar{\Sigma}_p^{(N)}\right)^k \left(\bar{\Sigma}_r^{(N)}\right)^\ell$$

\downarrow e.g., $I = \frac{r(C)^4 \frac{d\omega_1}{dr}(C)}{2[r(C) \frac{d\omega_1}{dr}(C) + 3\omega_1(C)]}$

3. From $\mathcal{O}(C)$, one can express \mathcal{U} as the C-expanded form

$$\mathcal{U}(C) \sim \sum_{n,k,\ell} \mathcal{U}_{nk\ell} C^n \left(\bar{\Sigma}_p^{(N)}\right)^k \left(\bar{\Sigma}_p^{(N)}\right)^\ell$$



4. From $\mathcal{U}_1(C)$ and $\mathcal{U}_2(C)$, eliminate C to obtain the I-Love-Q expansion $\mathcal{U}_1(\mathcal{U}_2)$

I-Love-Q expansion

For small $\bar{\Sigma}_p, \bar{\Sigma}_r$

$$\log \mathcal{U}_1(\mathcal{U}_2; \bar{\Sigma}_p^{(N)}, \bar{\Sigma}_r^{(N)}) \sim \frac{\delta_{\mathcal{U}_1}}{\delta_{\mathcal{U}_2}} \log \mathcal{U}_2 + \sum_{k, n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{N}_0} \mathcal{M}_{(k, n_1, n_2)}^{\log}(\gamma_N) (\bar{\Sigma}_p^{(N)})^{n_1} (\bar{\Sigma}_r^{(N)})^{n_2} \mathcal{U}_2^{\frac{1}{\delta_{\mathcal{U}_2}}(k - n_1 - \frac{3}{2}n_2)}$$

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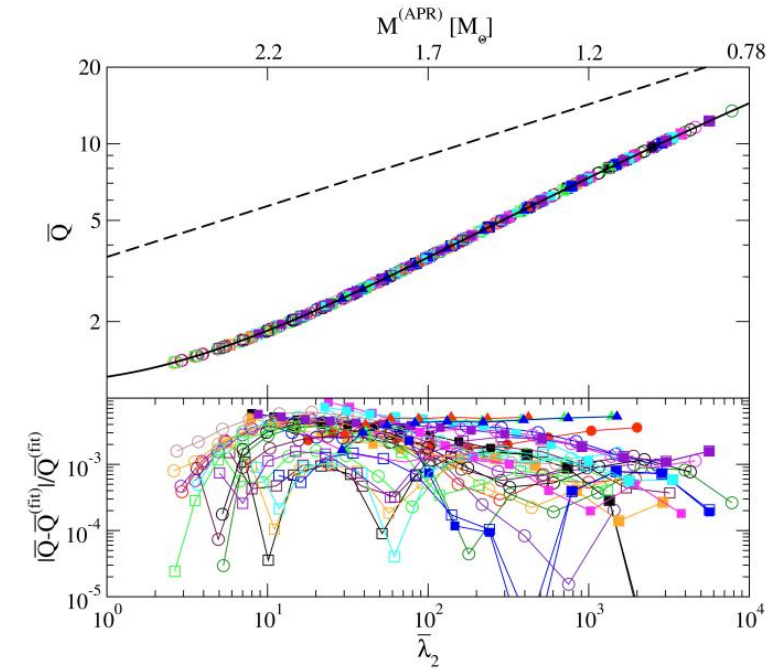
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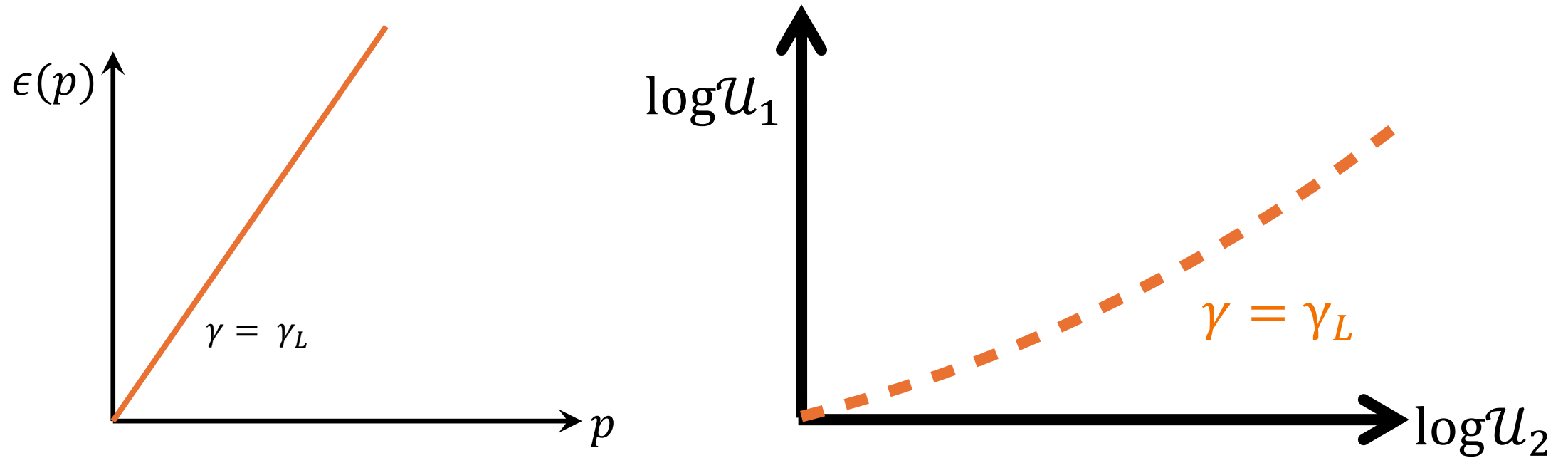
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Yagi-Yunes 2013

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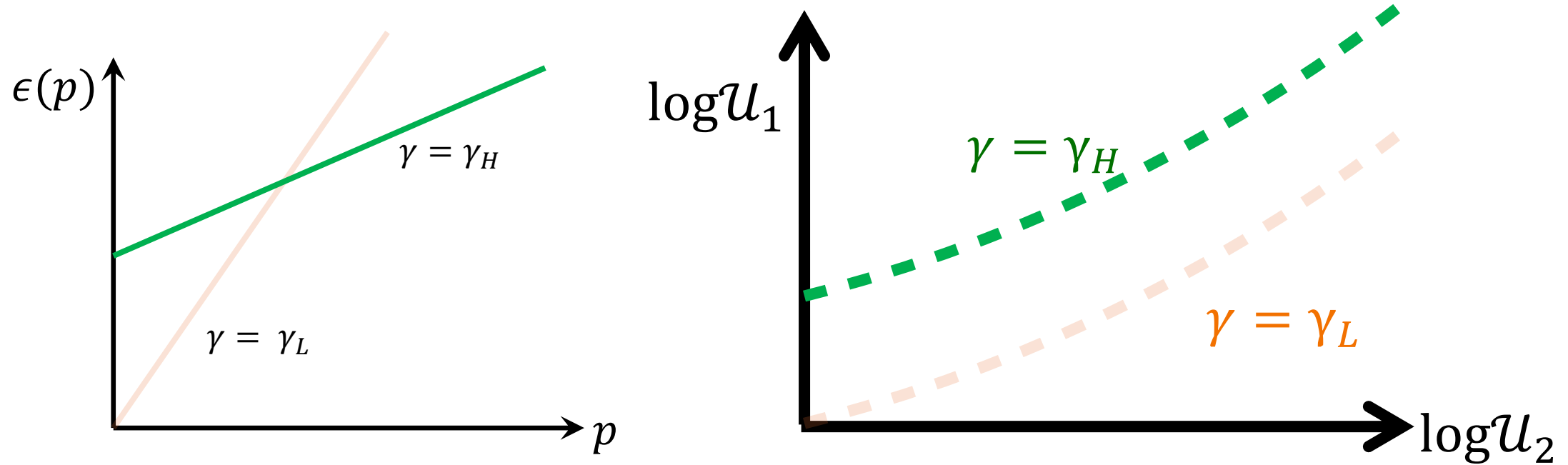
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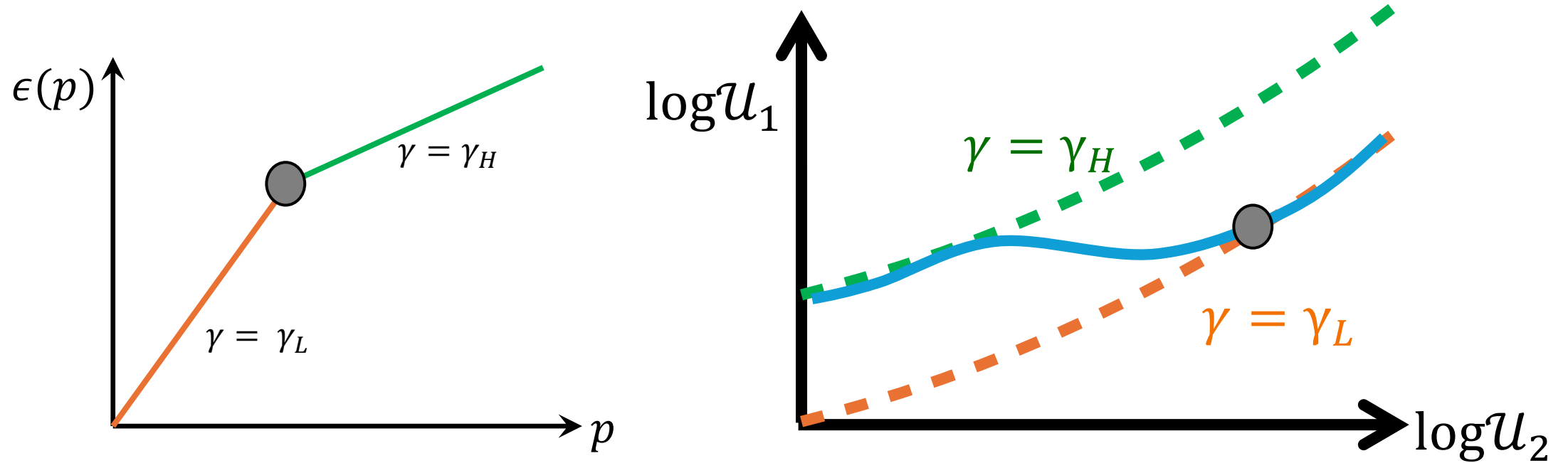
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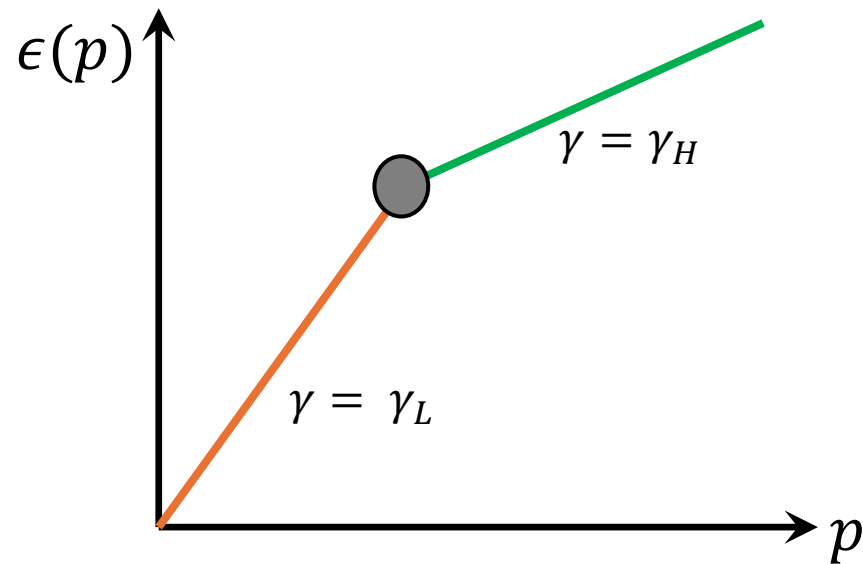
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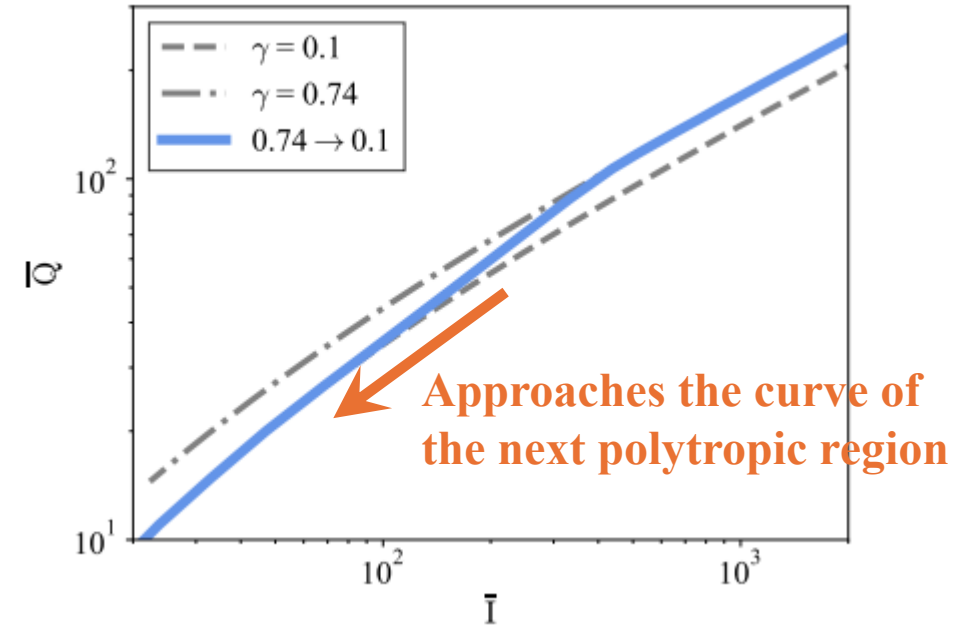
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Why universal? 2. Newtonian analysis

Variations in γ control the residual EoS dependence

$$\log \mathcal{U}_1(\mathcal{U}_2) \sim \underbrace{\frac{\delta_{\mathcal{U}_1}}{\delta_{\mathcal{U}_2}} \log \mathcal{U}_2}_{\text{Newtonian}} + \mathcal{M}_{(0)}^{\log}(\gamma)$$

Up to this constant term, the expansion is completely fixed by the Newtonian limit.

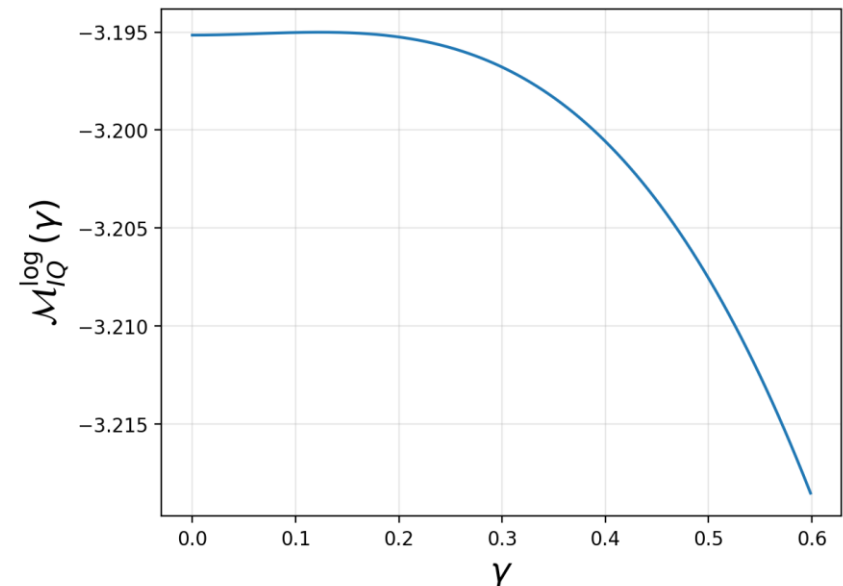
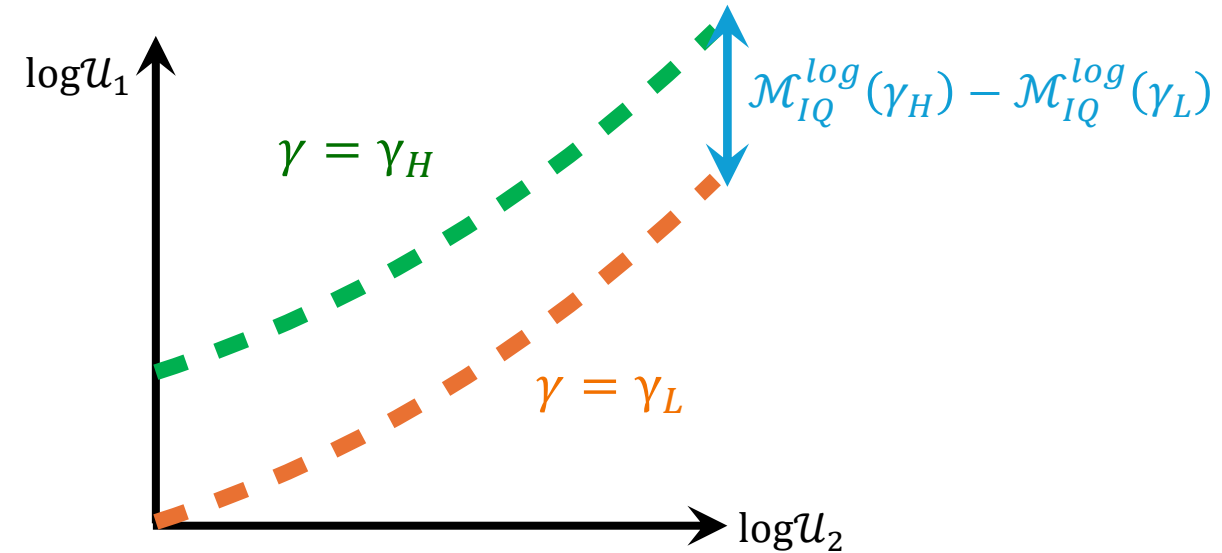
e.g., I-Q relation:

$$\mathcal{M}_{IQ}^{\log}(\gamma) = -3.195 \times (1 - 0.0091\gamma^2 + 0.049\gamma^3 + O(\gamma^4))$$

For typical EoS, $\gamma < 0.6$: Error is at most about 0.6%

$$\frac{\mathcal{M}_{IQ}^{\log}(\gamma_H) - \mathcal{M}_{IQ}^{\log}(\gamma_L)}{\mathcal{M}_{IQ}^{\log}(\gamma_L)} < 0.006$$

γ -dependence is very weak, i.e. universality



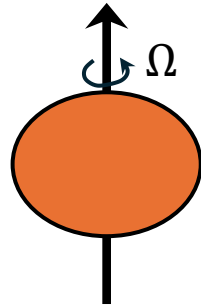
Summary

- Analytical verification of universal relations
- Working assumptions:
slow rotation, weak tidal deformation, and a piecewise-polytropic EoS
- Origin of universality
 - Memory loss: The I-Love-Q relations transition between the results obtained for individual single-polytropic EoS
 - Small variation induced by changing the single-polytrope EoS

Backup: Physical Quantities

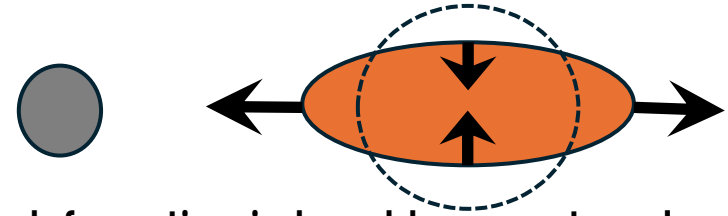
Measure of Spinning:

- Moment of Inertia I
- (Spin) Quadrupole moment Q



Linear Response to an external gravitational field:

- Tidal Deformability



Characterize the deformation induced by an external gravitational field

$$Q_{ij} = -\lambda E_{ij}$$

(Quadrupole moment) = - (Tidal Deformability) \times (External field)

- (Electric) Tidal Love number

$$k_2^{tid} \sim \lambda \times C^5 \times \frac{1}{M^5}$$

$$C = M/R$$

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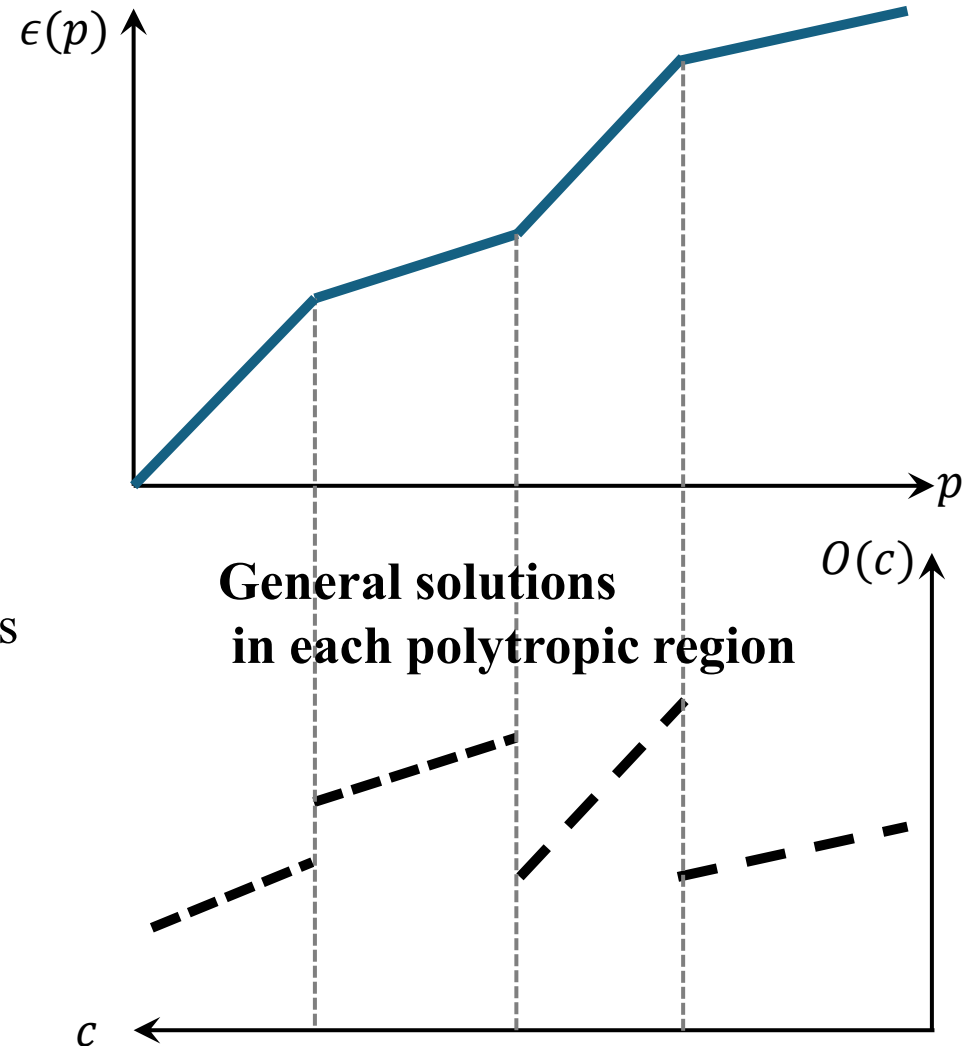
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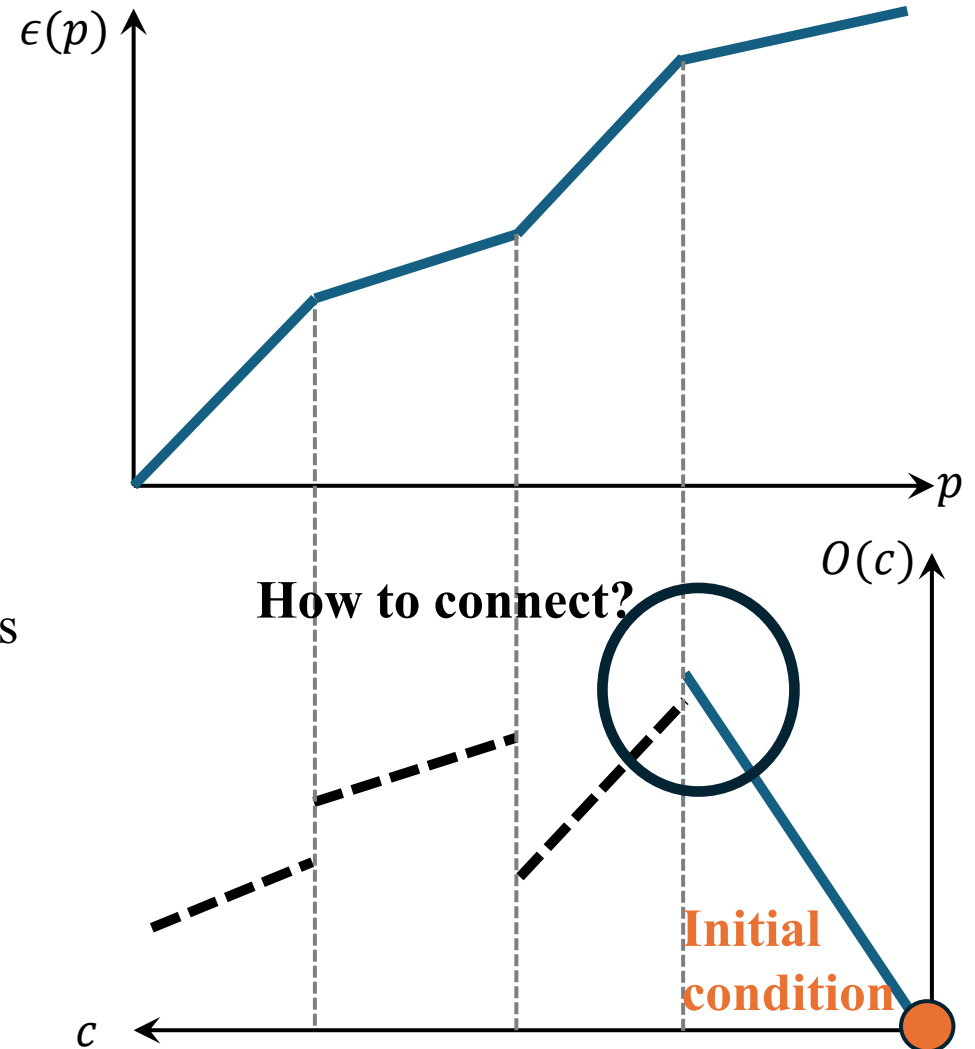
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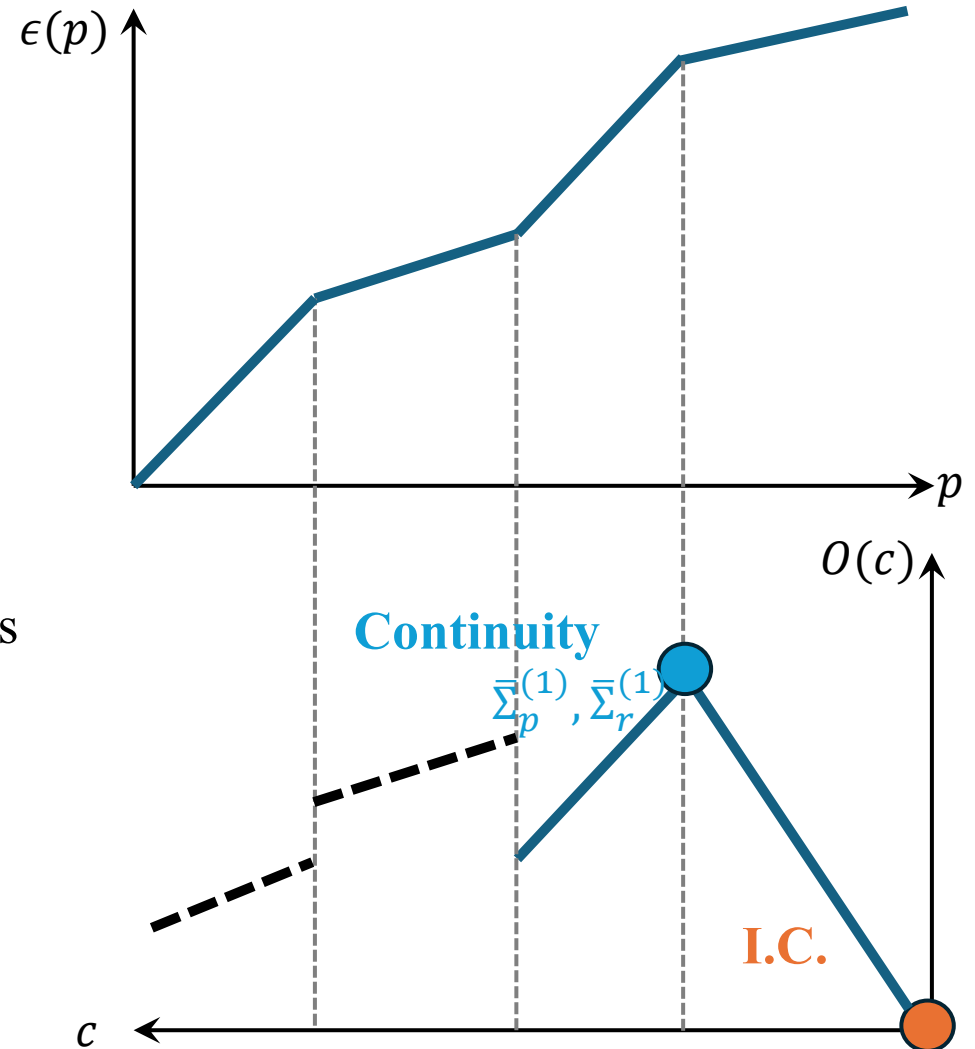
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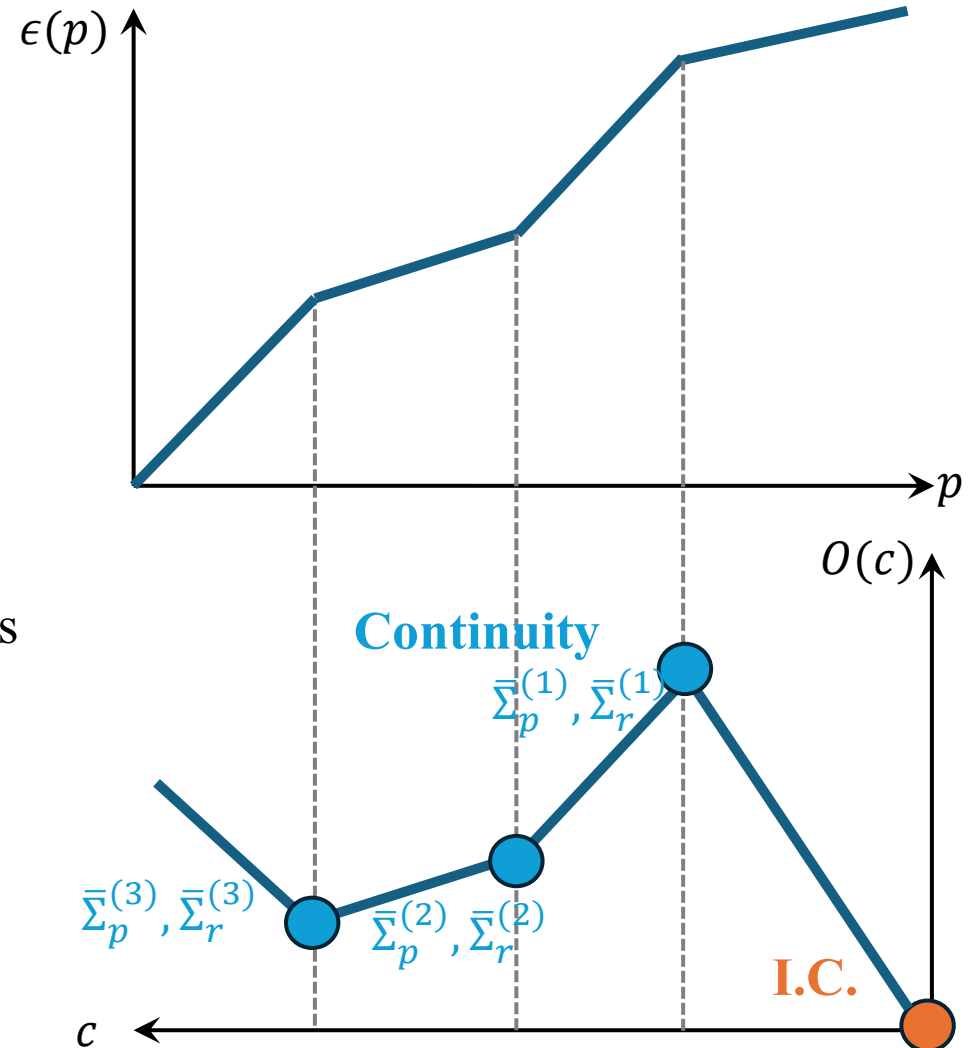
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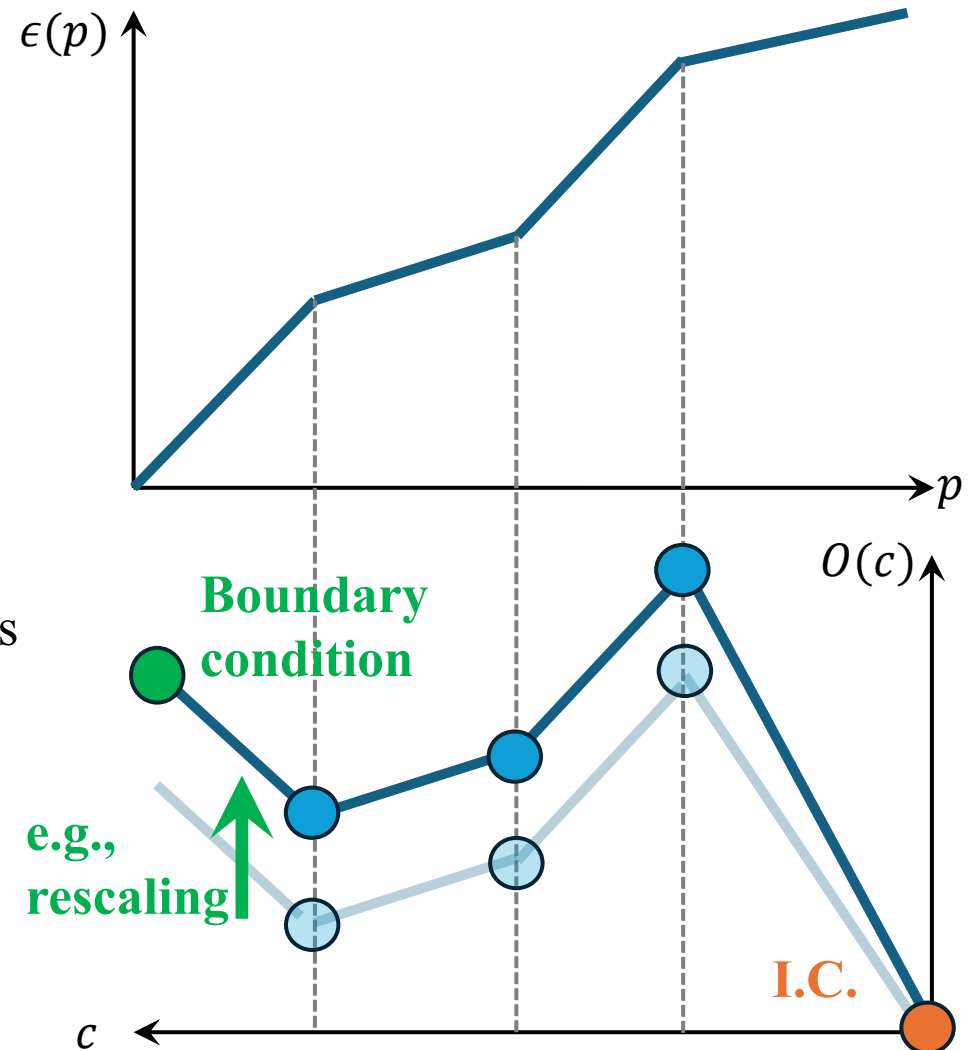
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Backup: Role of other expansions

Rapid changes in EoS breaks the universality

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 \end{aligned}$$

- When $\bar{\Sigma}_p, \bar{\Sigma}_r$ is too large, the form of expansion is modified, and log-log structure of expansion disappears.

