

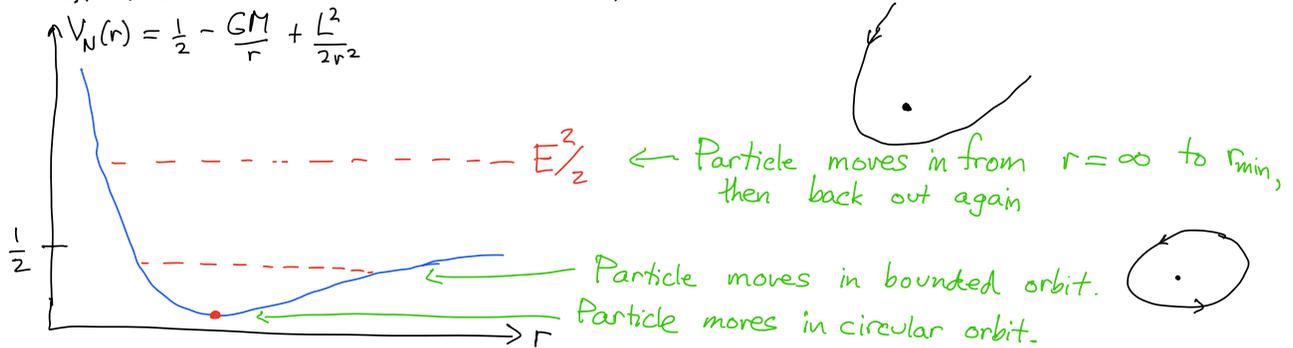
Potential for geodesics in Schwarzschild (continued)

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right) \left(\frac{L^2}{r^2} + \epsilon\right)$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}\epsilon}_{\text{constant}} - \underbrace{\frac{\epsilon GM}{r}}_{\text{Newton}} + \frac{L^2}{2r^2} - \underbrace{\frac{GML^2}{r^3}}_{\text{GR = extra attractive term}}$$

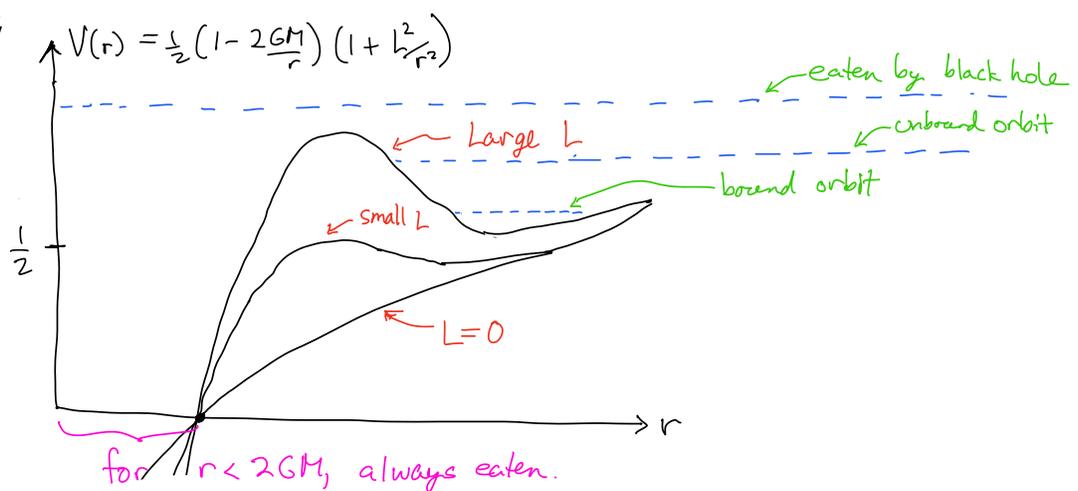
Now solve for $r(\lambda)$, then can use $\begin{cases} E \rightarrow t(\lambda) \\ L \rightarrow \phi(\lambda) \end{cases}$

Recall Newtonian version with $m \neq 0$.



Circular orbit: $\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=r_c} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{GM}{r_c^2} - \frac{L^2}{r_c^3} = 0 \rightarrow r_c = \frac{L^2}{GM}$

GR version:



Circular orbits? $\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=r_c} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{GM}{r_c^2} - \frac{L^2}{r_c^3} + \frac{3GML^2}{r_c^4} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So } r_c &= \frac{L^2 \pm \sqrt{L^4 - 12L^2 G^2 M^2}}{2GM} & + & = \text{stable} \\
 & & - & = \text{unstable} \\
 &= \frac{L^2}{2GM} \left(1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{12G^2 M^2}{L^2}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

For large $\frac{L}{GM}$: $r_c = \frac{L^2}{2GM} \left(1 \pm \left[1 - \frac{6G^2 M^2}{L^2} + \dots \right] \right) \Rightarrow$

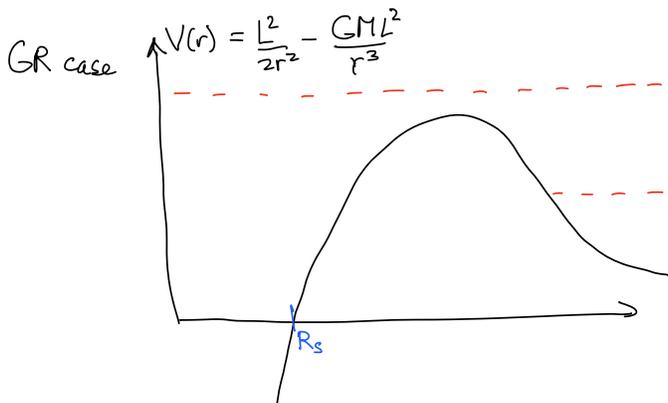
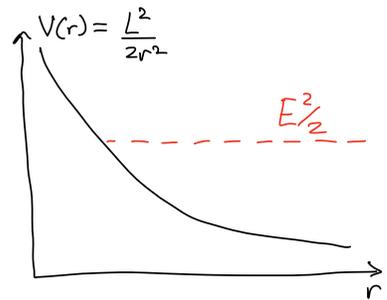
$$r_c = \frac{L^2}{GM} - 3GM \quad \text{or} \quad r_c = 3GM = \frac{3}{2} R_s$$

stable: Newtonian result
unstable

- For $L < \sqrt{12} GM$, no circular orbits ($\sqrt{\quad}$ = imaginary)
- For $L = \sqrt{12} GM$, $r_c = \frac{L^2}{2GM} = 6GM = 3R_s$ (unstable)
- Need $r_c > 6GM = 3R_s$ for stable circular orbits
 $\frac{3}{2}R_s < r_c < 3R_s$ for unstable " " .

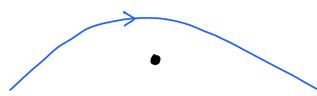
Geodesics for light ($m=0, \epsilon=0$) Newtonian case

all light rays return (in fact, straight lines)



light eaten by singularity

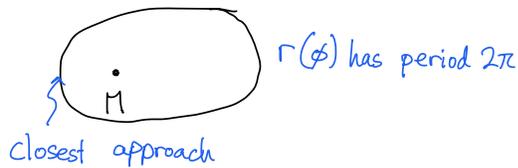
light returns, but bent (need $\phi(\lambda)$)



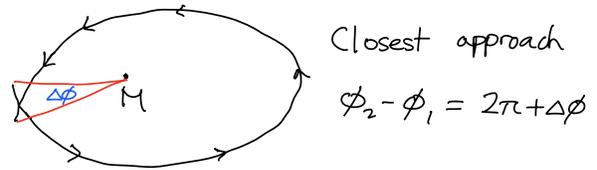
Circular orbit for light? $\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=r_c} = 0 \Rightarrow -\frac{L^2}{r_c^3} + \frac{3GM L^2}{r_c^4} = 0 \rightarrow r_c = 3GM$ (unstable)

Precession of perihelia = classic test of GR. For $m \neq 0$;

Newton



GR



Need to solve for $r(\phi)$ $\left(\frac{d\phi}{dT}\right)^2 = \frac{L^2}{r^4}$ $\left(\frac{dr}{dT}\right)^2 = E^2 - \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)\left(1 + \frac{L^2}{r^2}\right)}_{2V(r)}$

So $\left(\frac{dr}{d\phi}\right)^2 = \frac{(E^2 - 1)}{L^2} r^4 + 2GM r - r^2 + \frac{2GM}{L^2} r^3$

Trick 1: define $x = \frac{L^2}{GM r} \rightarrow \left(\frac{dx}{d\phi}\right)^2 = \frac{(E^2 - 1)L^2}{G^2 M^2} + 2x - x^2 + \frac{2G^2 M^2}{L^2} x^3$

Trick 2: Take $\frac{d}{d\phi}$, divide by $\frac{dx}{d\phi} \rightarrow \frac{d^2 x}{d\phi^2} = \underbrace{1 - x}_{\text{Newton}} + \underbrace{\frac{3G^2 M^2}{L^2} x^2}_{\text{GR correction}}$

Newtonian solution: $x = 1 + e \cos(\phi - \phi_0)$ solves $\frac{dx}{d\phi} = 1 - x$
 eccentricity of ellipse choose $\phi_0 = 0$

GR solution: try $x = 1 + e \cos\phi + \delta$ ← Carroll calls this x_1

Plug in, drop δ^2 and higher. $\frac{d^2 \delta}{d\phi^2} + \delta = \frac{3G^2 M^2}{L^2} (1 + e \cos\phi)^2$

Solution: $\delta = \frac{3G^2 M^2}{L^2} \left[\underbrace{\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}e^2\right)}_{\text{constant}} - \frac{1}{6}e^2 \cos(2\phi) + \underbrace{e\phi \sin\phi}_{\text{grows over many orbits}} \right]$
 oscillates, averages to 0, ignore

So $x = \frac{L^2}{GM r} = 1 + e \left(\cos\phi + \underbrace{\frac{3G^2 M^2}{L^2}}_{\alpha} \phi \sin\phi \right) + \dots$ ← small, doesn't accumulate

So $x = 1 + e (\cos\phi + \alpha \phi \sin\phi) + \dots \approx 1 + e \cos[(1-\alpha)\phi] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$
for small α

Perihelion at $\phi = 0$, $\phi = \frac{2\pi n}{1-\alpha} = 2\pi n + 2\pi n\alpha + \dots$

So $\frac{\Delta\phi}{n} = 2\pi\alpha = \frac{6\pi G^2 M^2}{L^2}$. For a nearly circular orbit, $L^2 \approx GM(1-e^2)a$
Semi-major axis

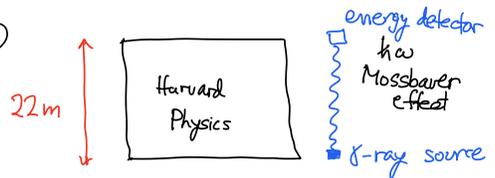
So $\boxed{\frac{\Delta\phi}{\text{orbit}} = \frac{6\pi GM}{a(1-e^2) c^2}}$

For Mercury, $\begin{cases} M_{\text{sun}} = 1.99 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg} \\ a = 57.9 \times 10^6 \text{ km} \\ e = 0.2056 \end{cases}$ prediction: $\frac{\Delta\phi}{\text{orbit}} = \frac{0.103''}{\text{orbit}} = \frac{43.0''}{\text{century}}$

Experiment: $\frac{\Delta\phi}{\text{orbit}} = 5601 - (5025) - 532 = 43$
Earth's frame rotates other planets perturb

Gravitational Redshift

Pound & Rebka, 1960



Observer at fixed (r, θ, ϕ) has 4-velocity

$U^\mu = (U^0, 0, 0, 0)$ with $-1 = U^\mu U^\nu g_{\mu\nu} = U^0 U^0 (1 - \frac{2GM}{r})$, so

$U^0 = (1 - \frac{2GM}{r})^{-1/2}$

Now $h\omega = -p_\mu U^\mu$ ← velocity of observer
← 4-momentum of photon

or $h\omega = -U^\mu g_{\nu\mu} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\lambda} = -U^0 g_{00} \frac{dt}{d\lambda} = -(1 - \frac{2GM}{r})^{-1/2} (1 - \frac{2GM}{r}) \frac{dt}{d\lambda}$
← $-K_\mu \frac{dx^\mu}{d\lambda} = E = \text{constant}$

So $h\omega = (1 - \frac{2GM}{r})^{-1/2} E$ (Check: $r \rightarrow \infty$ usual formula).

energy for atomic transitions in emitter, detector

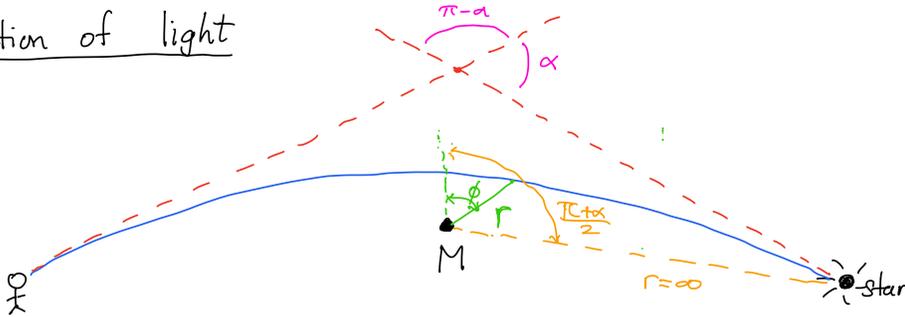
constant energy, conserved from timelike Killing vector

Taking the ratio at two different heights,

$$\frac{h\omega_1}{h\omega_2} = \frac{\left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r_2}\right)^{1/2}}{\left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r_1}\right)^{1/2}} \approx 1 + GM\left(\frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2}\right) \approx 1 + GM\frac{(r_2 - r_1)}{r_1 r_2}$$

For $r_2 > r_1$, $\frac{h\omega_1}{h\omega_2} > 1$ or $h\omega_2 < h\omega_1$. Photon loses energy as it climbs out of potential well.

Deflection of light



Need to solve for null geodesic. Recall $\left(\frac{d\phi}{d\lambda}\right)^2 = \frac{L^2}{r^4}$ and

$$\left(\frac{dr}{d\lambda}\right)^2 = E^2 - \frac{L^2}{r^2} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right). \quad \text{so}$$

$$\boxed{\left(\frac{dr}{d\phi}\right)^2 = \frac{r^4 E^2}{L^2} - r^2 \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)} \quad \text{null geodesic} \quad \text{Let } u = \frac{GM}{r}$$

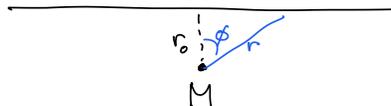
$$\left(\frac{du}{d\phi}\right)^2 = \frac{G^2 M^2 E^2}{L^2} - u^2 + 2u^3 \quad \text{Take } \frac{d}{d\phi}, \text{ divide by } 2u'$$

$$u'' = -u + 3u^2 \quad \text{GR correction.}$$

Consider Newtonian limit first: $u'' = -u \Rightarrow u = C_1 \cos(\phi - \phi_0)$.

When $\phi = 0$, $r = r_0 = \text{minimum}$, so u is maximum. $\phi_0 = 0$, $C_1 = \frac{GM}{r_0}$.

So $u = \frac{GM}{r_0} \cos(\phi) = \frac{GM}{r} \Rightarrow r \cos \phi = r_0$ (straight line).



For GR, try $u = u_N + \delta$, where $u_N = \frac{GM}{r_0} \cos \phi$, $\delta \ll u_N$

$$u_N'' + \delta'' = -u_N - \delta + 3(u_N + \delta)^2, \quad \text{so} \quad \delta'' = -\delta + 3u_N^2 = -\delta + \frac{3GM^2}{r_0^2} \cos^2 \phi.$$

Solution: $\delta = \frac{GM^2}{2r_0^2} (4 - \cos^2 \phi) = \frac{GM^2}{2r_0^2} (3 - \cos(2\phi))$, so

$$u = \frac{GM}{r} = \frac{GM}{r_0} \left[\cos \phi + \frac{GM}{2r_0} (3 - \cos(2\phi)) + \dots \right].$$

Need $\phi = \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2}$ when $r \rightarrow \infty$, which means $u \rightarrow 0$.

$$0 = \frac{GM}{\infty} = \frac{GM}{r_0} \left[\underbrace{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)}_{-\sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)} + \frac{GM}{2r_0} \underbrace{(4 - \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2}\right))}_{4 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)} \right]$$

$$\text{So } \sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) = \frac{2GM}{r_0} \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{4GM}{r_0} = \frac{2R_s}{r_0}.$$

For the Sun, with $r_0 \approx R_{\text{sun}}$ and $M = M_{\text{sun}}$,

$$\alpha = \frac{2(2.95 \text{ km})}{6.96 \times 10^5 \text{ km}} = 8.48 \times 10^{-6} \text{ radians} = 4.86 \times 10^{-4} \text{ degrees} = 1.75 \text{ arc sec}$$

Einstein got wrong in 1905, corrected 1915.

Verified by solar eclipse, 1919, to 10% accuracy.

" " quasars to < 1%.

More generally, for a weak metric perturbation,

$$ds^2 = -(1 + 2\Phi) dt^2 + (1 - 2\Phi) [dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2] \quad \Phi \ll 1,$$

then $\alpha = 2 \int_{\text{path}} ds (\vec{\nabla} \Phi)_{\perp}$ ← perpendicular to path.

(Carroll section 7.3)



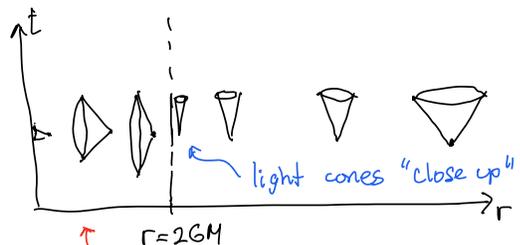
Light cones + new charts for Schwarzschild

$$ds^2 = -\left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right) dt^2 + \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2$$

consider radial null curves

$$\frac{dt}{dr} = \pm \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)^{-1}$$

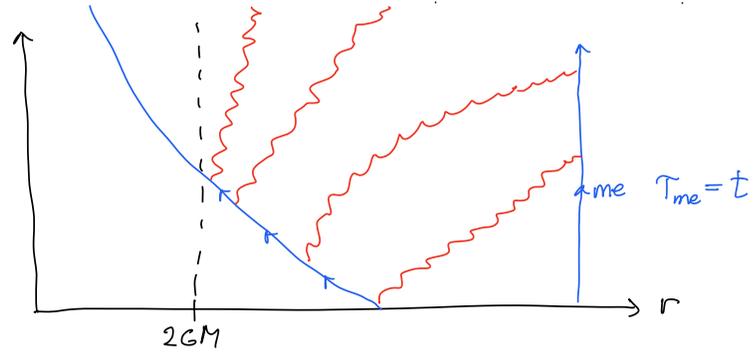
$\rightarrow \infty$ for $r \rightarrow R_s$
 $\rightarrow 1$ for $r \rightarrow \infty$



For $r < 2GM$, ∂_r is timelike, ∂_t is spacelike.

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \pm \left(\frac{2GM}{r} - 1\right)$$

A distant observer (me) watches you fall in:



As you get closer to $r = 2GM$, I have to wait longer to see your light signals (redshifted).

I never see the light signal from $r = 2GM$, even though you get there in finite proper time τ_{you} .

Use better coordinates {

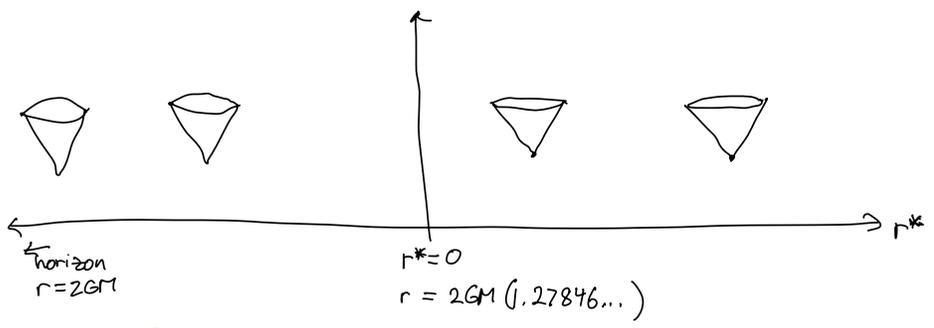
- tortoise ← waystation on path to enlightenment
- Eddington-Finkelstein ← useful for problems
- Kruskal ← reveals secrets!

Define new coordinate $r^* =$ (tortoise) so that light cones always 45° drawn in (r^*, t) .

$$\frac{dt}{dr^*} = \pm 1 \rightarrow \frac{dr^*}{dr} = \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)^{-1} \rightarrow r^* = r + 2GM \ln\left(\frac{r}{2GM} - 1\right)$$

Then $ds^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)(-dt^2 + dr^{*2}) + r^2 d\Omega^2$ implicitly determined by

Note: $r = 2GM \leftrightarrow r^* = \ln(0) = -\infty$
 $r = \text{large} \leftrightarrow r^* = r$
 $r < 2GM \leftrightarrow r^* \text{ undefined (chart doesn't cover)}$



E-F coordinates

Let $u = t - r^*$ ← outgoing null radial geodesics $u = \text{const}$
 $v = t + r^*$ ← ingoing " " " $v = \text{const}$

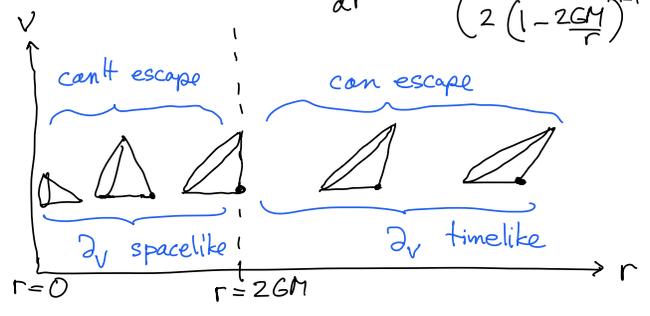
Choose (v, r, θ, ϕ) "ingoing EF coords"

$$ds^2 = -\left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right) dr^2 + (dv dr + dr dv) + r^2 d\Omega^2$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} -\left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right) & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & r^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & r^2 \sin^2\theta \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{invertible at } r = 2GM$$

radial null curves

$$\frac{dv}{dr} = \begin{cases} 0 & (\text{in}) \\ 2\left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)^{-1} & (\text{out}) \end{cases}$$



∂_r always null.

Kruskal coordinates (T, R, Θ, ϕ) with

$$\begin{cases} T = \left(\frac{r}{2GM} - 1\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{r/4GM} \sinh\left(\frac{t}{4GM}\right) \\ R = \left(\frac{r}{2GM} - 1\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{r/4GM} \cosh\left(\frac{t}{4GM}\right) \end{cases}$$

Find dt, dr , plug in...

$$ds^2 = \frac{32 G^3 M^3}{r} e^{-r/2GM} (-dT^2 + dR^2) + r^2 d\Omega^2$$

$$r(T, R) \text{ defined by } T^2 - R^2 = \left(1 - \frac{r}{2GM}\right) e^{r/2GM}$$

Radial null curves: $dT = \pm dR$ (light cones at 45° in T, R)

$$r = 2GM \text{ at } T = \pm R$$

$$r = r_0 = \text{constant} \quad \underbrace{T^2 - R^2 = \text{constant}}_{\text{hyperbolas in } (T, R) \text{ plane}} = \left(1 - \frac{r_0}{2GM}\right) e^{r_0/2GM}$$

$$t = t_0 = \text{constant} \text{ at } \underbrace{\frac{T}{R} = \text{constant}}_{\text{lines in } (T, R) \text{ plane}} = \tanh\left(\frac{t_0}{4GM}\right)$$

$$r = r_0 \text{ (singularity) at } T^2 - R^2 = 1$$

Ranges: $-\infty < R < \infty$ $-\sqrt{1+R^2} < T < \sqrt{1+R^2}$ $0 \leq \Theta \leq \pi$ $0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$

