

• All objects with mass have a Schwarzschild Radius, its just that

the object is usually much bigger than R_{sch} .

For the sun $6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N}^3/\text{kg}^2\text{s}^2$

$$R_{sch} \text{ for Sun} = 2 \frac{GM}{c^2} \quad \begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ 2 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg} \end{matrix}$$

$$c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

$$R_{sch} = 3 \text{ km}$$

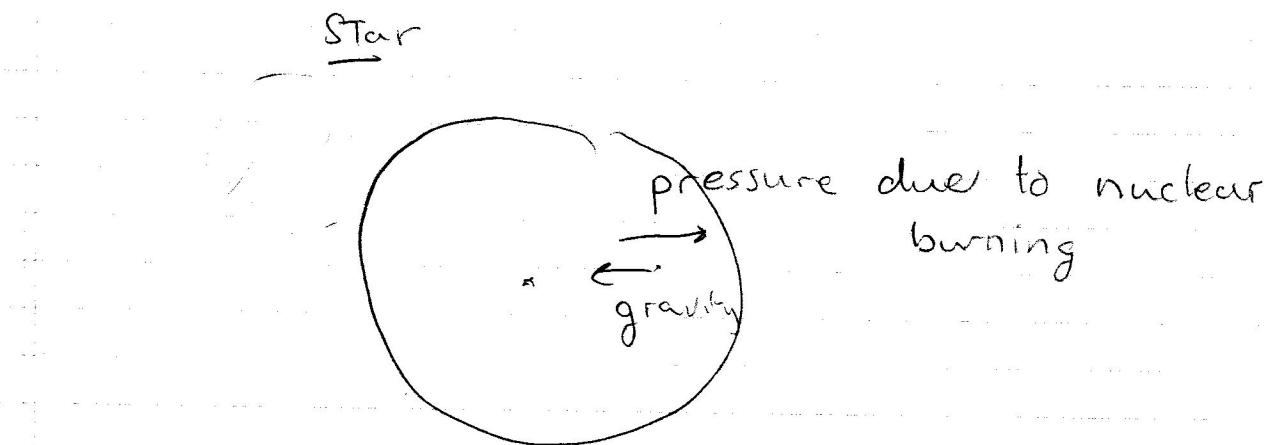
Compare this to the radius of Sun

$$R_{\odot} \approx 700,000 \text{ km}$$

Forming Black Holes

Now How are black holes formed?

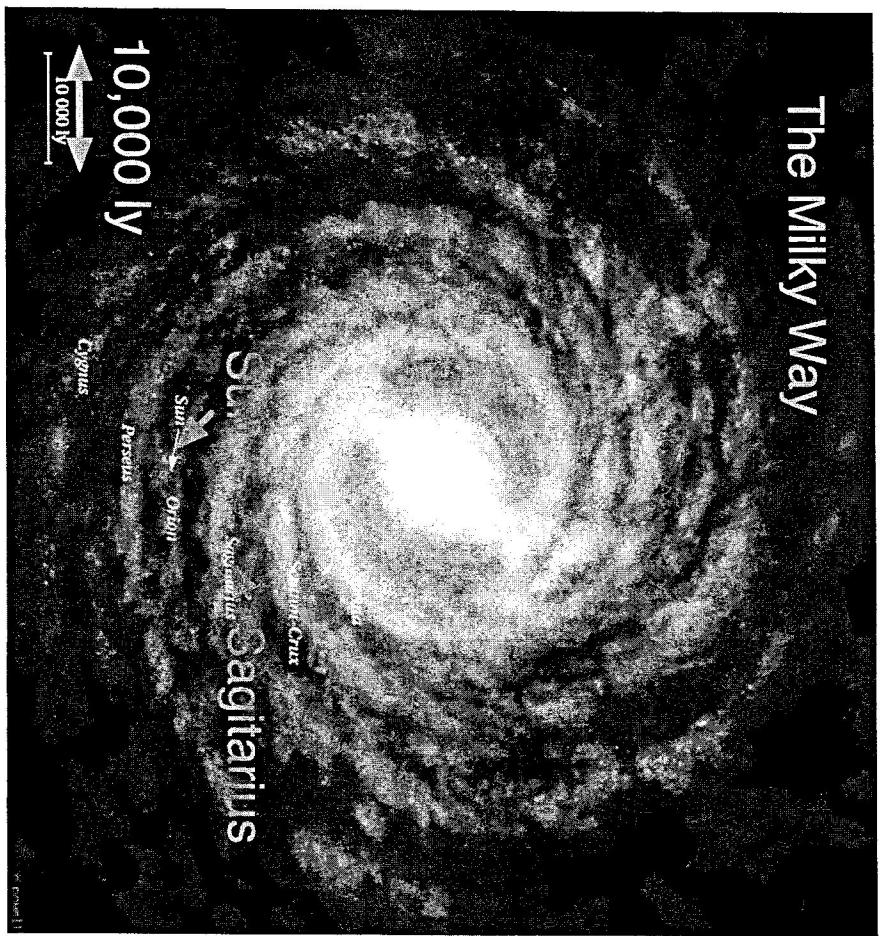
Need to compress the mass into a very small point.



If the mass is sufficiently large, then as the nuclear fuel runs out, the star will undergo gravitational collapse driving all of the material into a small radius.

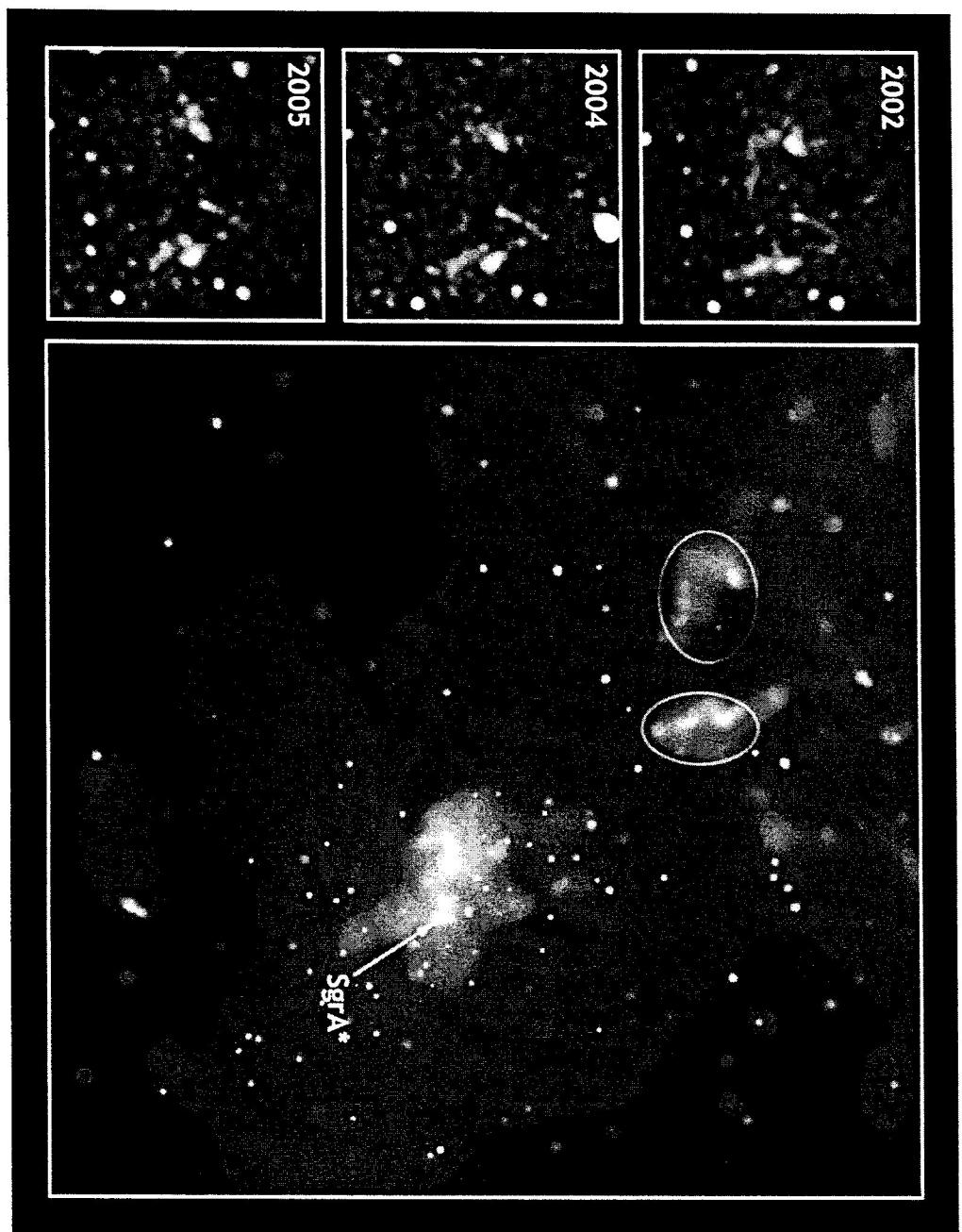
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The Milky Way



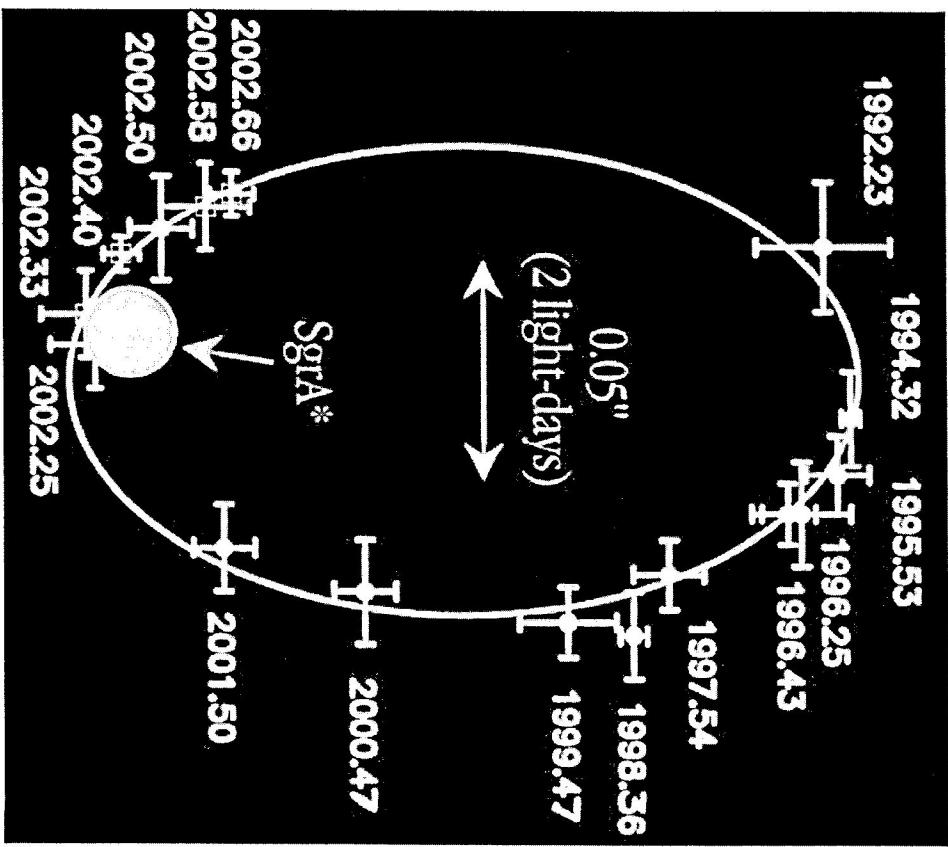
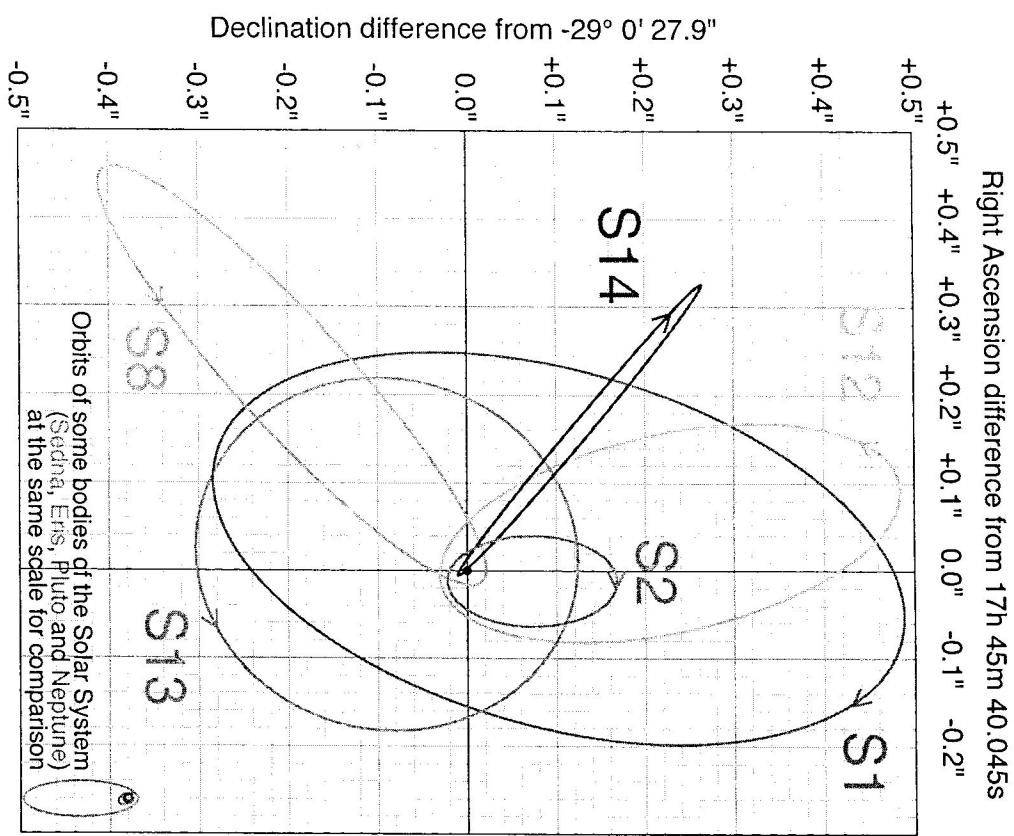
- We will look at the elliptic orbits of a few stars close to Sagittarius A
- The orbital radius of these stars is $R \sim 1000 \text{ AU} \sim 0.01$ light years

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- Look at the change in the image as a function of time (years) and look in different frequency bands (x-rays)

Orbits of six stars around the Sagittarius A* in the center of our galaxy



From the orbital period and radius of the star, use Kepler's laws to find the mass of the SgrA*

Note: 2 light days = 350 AU

Sagittarius A*

- The period of orbit of S₂ around

Sagittarius A* is 15.2 years, the eccentricity of the elliptical orbit

is $e = 0.88$, The average radius (the-semimajor axis) is 980 ± 20 AU

- Calculate the mass of Sagittarius A*, calculate the distance of closest approach of S₂ to the center of mass (SgrA*, Schwarzschild Radius of Sagittarius A)
- Calculate the Schwarzschild Radius of Sagittarius A

Sagittarius A*

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→ Calculate the Schwarzschild Radius of Sagittarius A

Solution period Semi-major
 ↓ ↓ axis

$$\frac{GM}{(2\pi)^2} T^2 = a^3$$

$$M = \frac{(2\pi)^2}{6} a^3 / T^2$$

$$a = 980 \text{ AU} = 1.4 \times 10^{14} \text{ m}$$

$$T = 15.2 \text{ y} = 3.1 \times 10^7 \text{ s}$$

$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3/\text{kg s}^2$$

Find

$$M = 8.2 \times 10^{36} \text{ kg}$$

Note

$$M_{\odot} = \text{mass of sun} = 2 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$$

Or

$$\frac{M}{M_{\odot}} = 4.1 \times 10^6$$

i.e. the mass of Sgr A* is ~~4.1~~ 4.1 million solar masses.

S_0

0.88

$$R_p = a(1-e) \stackrel{\downarrow}{=} 980 \text{ Au} (0.12)$$

$$R_p = 117.6 \text{ Au}$$



Compare

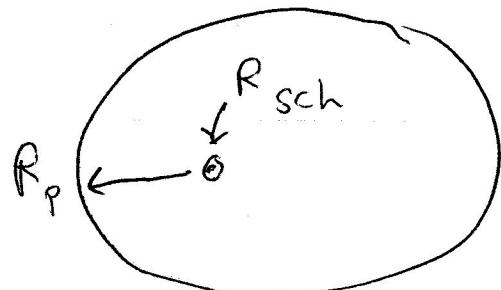
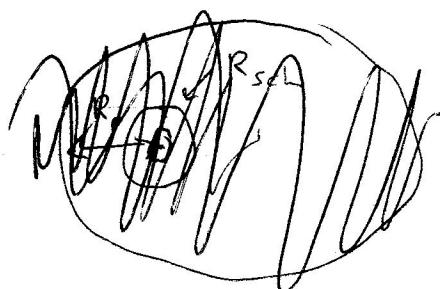
0.08

$$R_{\text{sch}} = 2 \frac{Gm}{c^2} = 0.08 \text{ Au}$$

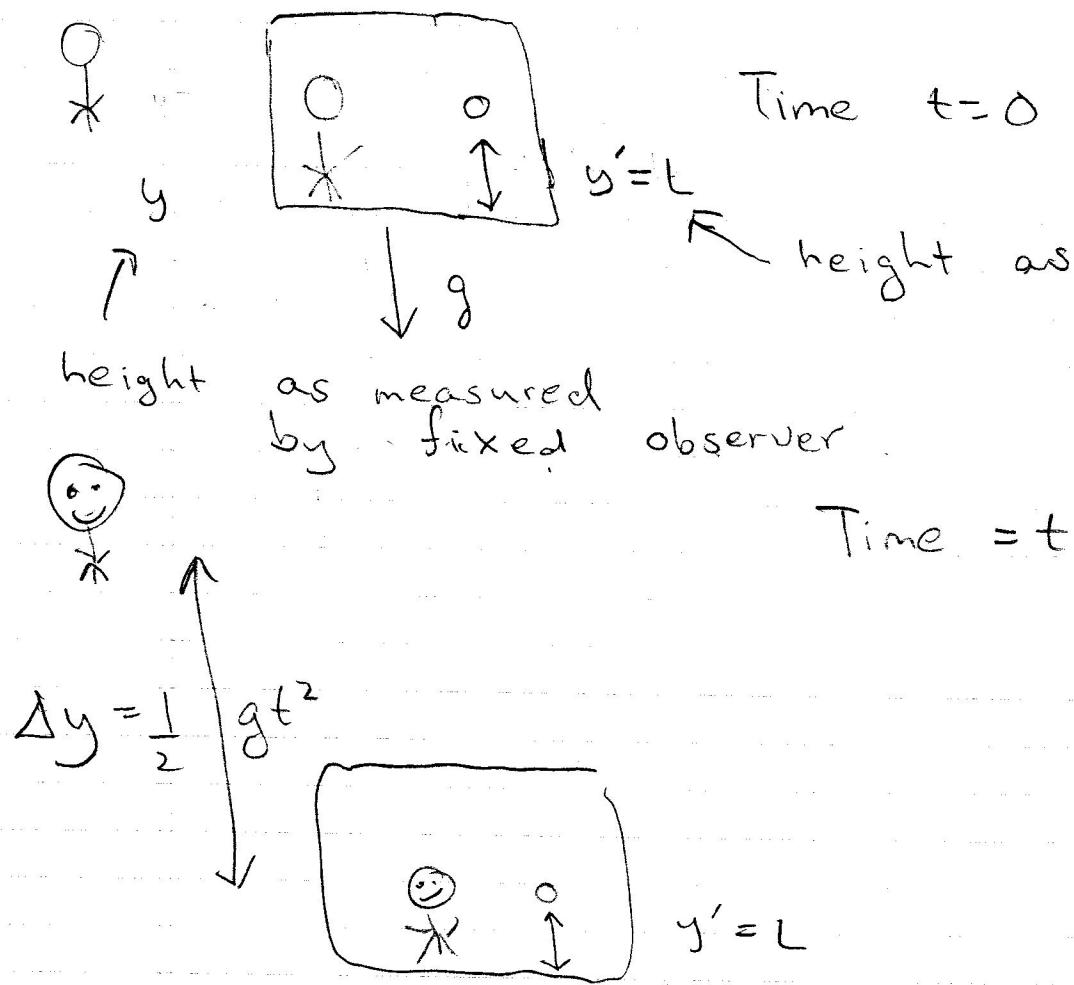
Summary: there is a very massive object with a radius $R < 117.6 \text{ Au}$

The Schwarzschild Radius is 0.08 Au

Pictures:



Description of Gravity in Terms of Curvature



So instead of describing the motion of objects with the t, y coordinate system, we can use the t', y' coordinate's

$$t' = t$$

$$y' = y - \frac{1}{2} gt^2$$

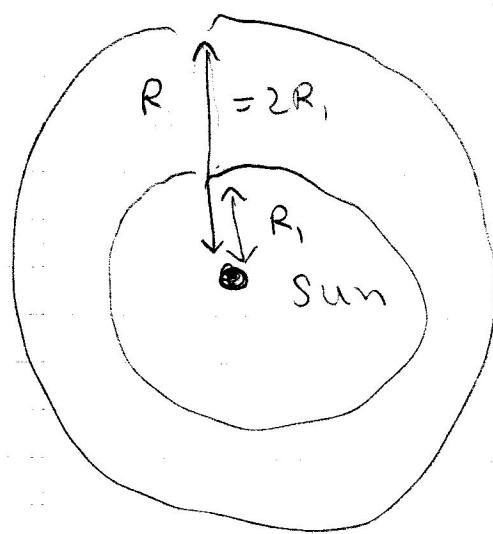
coordinate system.

This is the coordinate system of the free falling observer

In this coordinate system the apple has no forces and its motion is fixed

$$m \cdot a' = 0 \Rightarrow y' = \text{constant} = L$$

If I know the free fall coords, I know effect of gravity,
Now recognize that we must choose
a different coordinate system
for every radius



$$t' = t$$

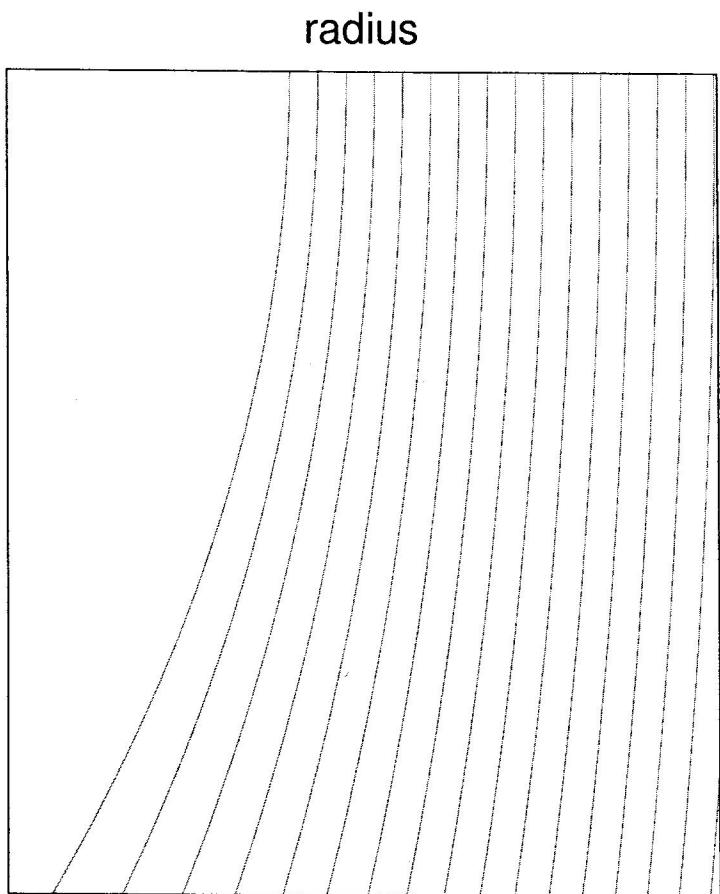
$$y' = y - \frac{1}{2} g(R) t^2$$

$$g(r) = G \frac{M_{\odot}}{R^2}$$

(see slide)

So we can phrase the problem of finding the forces of gravity as finding how the coordinates of free falling observers change in space and time

Low gravity
small curvature



High Gravity
large curvature

Can view the problem of determining the forces of gravity, as a problem of finding how the coordinates of free falling observers change from point to point

Newton's Law

determines the coordinates of free fall observers

$$a(r) = \frac{GM}{r^2}$$

$$\uparrow \quad \quad \quad r^2$$

acceleration

caused by mass

Einstein:

$$\underbrace{\text{G}^{mu}_{\nu\rho}}_{\text{"Curvature"} \atop \text{systems}} = \underbrace{8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}}_{\text{Mass (energy density)}}$$

how the local coordinates[~] of free falling observers
are changing from point-to-point