

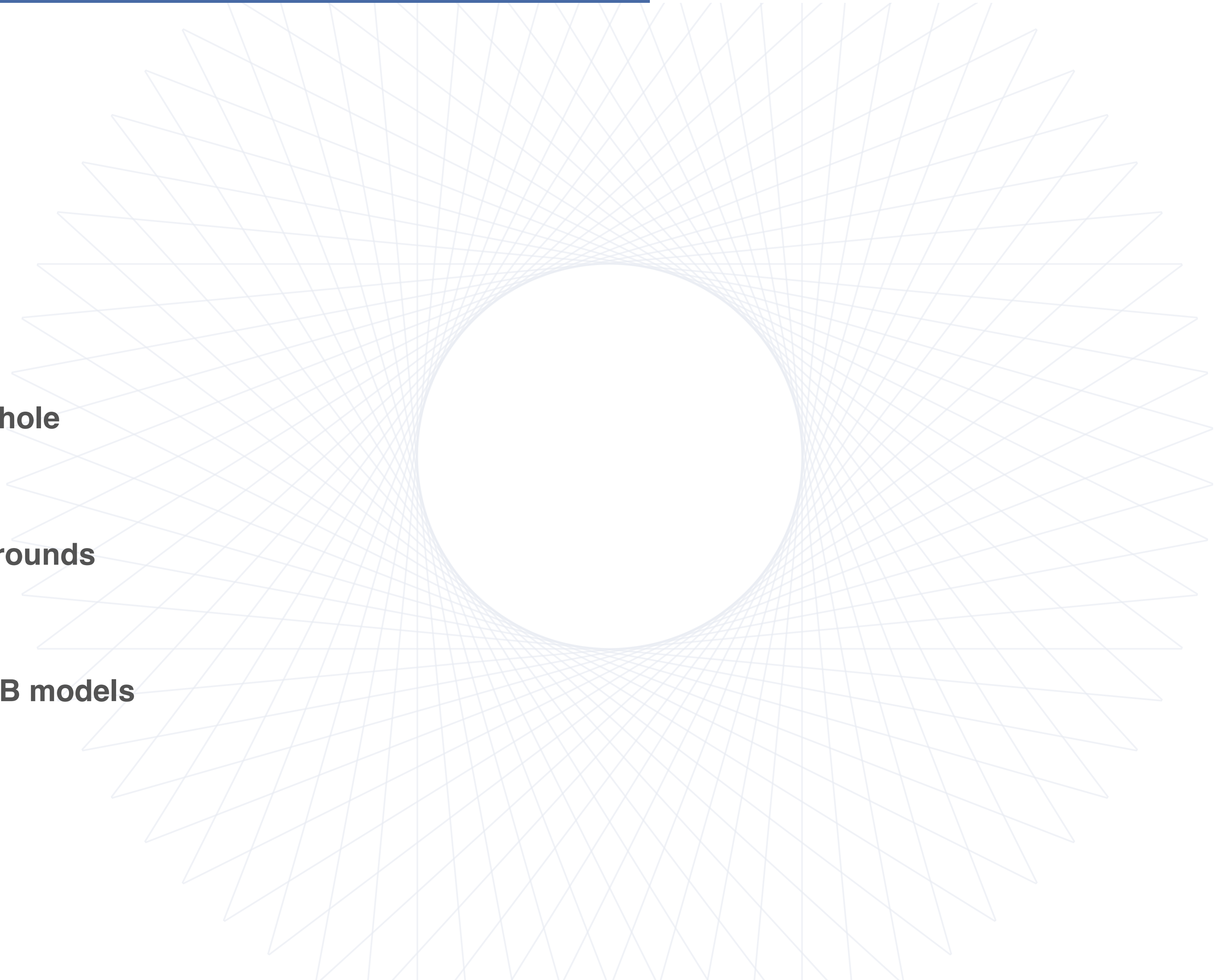
# Singularity-Free Spherical Black Holes with LQG corrections

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- ◉ **Covariant deformations of GR**
- ◉ **The effective quantum Schwarzschild black hole**
- ◉ **Charged black holes in cosmological backgrounds**
- ◉ **Gravitational collapse: outlining effective LTB models**



# Covariant Deformations of General Relativity

We will demand the following:

- The derivative structure is the same as in GR
- The constraints form an anomaly-free algebra
- The theory is embeddable in a 4D manifold
- The GR Hamiltonian stands as a particular limit
- The model admits matter
- There is an explicit vacuum limit

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Requirements:

- Derivatives as in GR
- Anomaly-free algebra
- Embeddable in 4D
- GR limit
- Admits matter
- Vacuum limit

$$\{K_x(x_1), E^x(x_2)\} = \{\mathcal{K}_\varphi(x_1), \mathcal{E}^\varphi(x_2)\} = \delta(x_1, x_2)$$

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Which are the effects on spacetime?

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Condition (ii) is highly non-trivial, but again, by construction, the structure function  $F$  satisfies this requirement!

given a generic vector

$$\xi^A \partial_A = \xi^t \partial_t + \xi^x \partial_x$$

$$\xi^t \partial_t \left( \frac{1}{F} \right) + \xi^x \partial_x \left( \frac{1}{F} \right) + \frac{2}{F} (N^x \partial_x \xi^t + \partial_x \xi^x) = \left\{ \frac{1}{F}, H[\xi^t N] + D[\xi^t N^x + \xi^x] \right\}$$

coordinate transformations (Lie derivative)

gauge transformations (Poisson bracket)

the effective Hamiltonian

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Leading-order corrections go as  $\lambda^2$

GR:  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$

The “angular component of the curvature” shows a reflection symmetry at  $\pi/(2\lambda)$

$$ds^2 = -N(t, x)^2 dt^2 + \frac{1}{F} (dx^2 + N^x(t, x) dt^2) + r(t, x)^2 d\Omega^2$$

the metric

$$F = \frac{\cos^2(\lambda\mathcal{K}_\varphi)}{1+\lambda^2} \left( 1 + \left( \frac{\lambda E^{x'}}{2\mathcal{E}^\varphi} \right)^2 \right) \frac{E^x}{\mathcal{E}^{\varphi 2}}$$

Roots of  $F$



There is a simpler way of writing the metric.

We just need to use the mass function (the quantity that is a constant in vacuum):

$$m := \frac{\sqrt{E^x}}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{\sin^2(\lambda \mathcal{K}_\varphi)}{\lambda^2} - \left( \frac{E^{x'}}{2\mathcal{E}^\varphi} \right)^2 \cos^2(\lambda \mathcal{K}_\varphi) \right)$$

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this is the physically meaningful constant of the model  
it takes values in  $(0,1)$   
the limit to 0 corresponds to GR

$$ds^2 = -N^2 dt^2 + \left( 1 - \frac{2\lambda m}{\sqrt{E^x}} \right)^{-1} \frac{\mathcal{E}^{\varphi 2}}{E^x} (dx + N^x dt)^2 + E^x d\Omega^2$$

Static chart

$$ds^2 = -\left(1 - \frac{2M}{\tilde{r}}\right) d\tilde{t}^2 + \left(1 - \frac{2\lambda M}{\tilde{r}}\right)^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{2M}{\tilde{r}}\right)^{-1} d\tilde{r}^2 + \tilde{r}^2 d\Omega^2.$$

*Schwarzschild-like coordinates*

$$ds^2 = -\left(1 - \frac{2\lambda M}{T}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{2M}{T} - 1\right)^{-1} dT^2 + \left(\frac{2M}{T} - 1\right) dX^2 + T^2 d\Omega^2$$

Homogeneous chart

*The covering chart*

where  $r(z)$  is completely determined by

$$\frac{dr(z)}{dz} = \text{sgn}(z) \sqrt{1 - \frac{2\lambda M}{r(z)}},$$

$$ds^2 = -\left(1 - \frac{2M}{r(z)}\right) d\tau^2 + 2\sqrt{\frac{2M}{r(z)}} d\tau dz + dz^2 + r(z)^2 d\Omega^2.$$

$$r_0 := 2\lambda M$$

*The positive minimum  
of the area-radius function!*

- Curvature scalars attain their maximum at the transition surface
- Every definition of mass provides the **same** exact value in every region of the spacetime
- Although the transition surface appears always inside the horizon, the modifications affect the whole spacetime
- Quantum effects are measurable! There are already have some bounds...

**Ricci scalar**

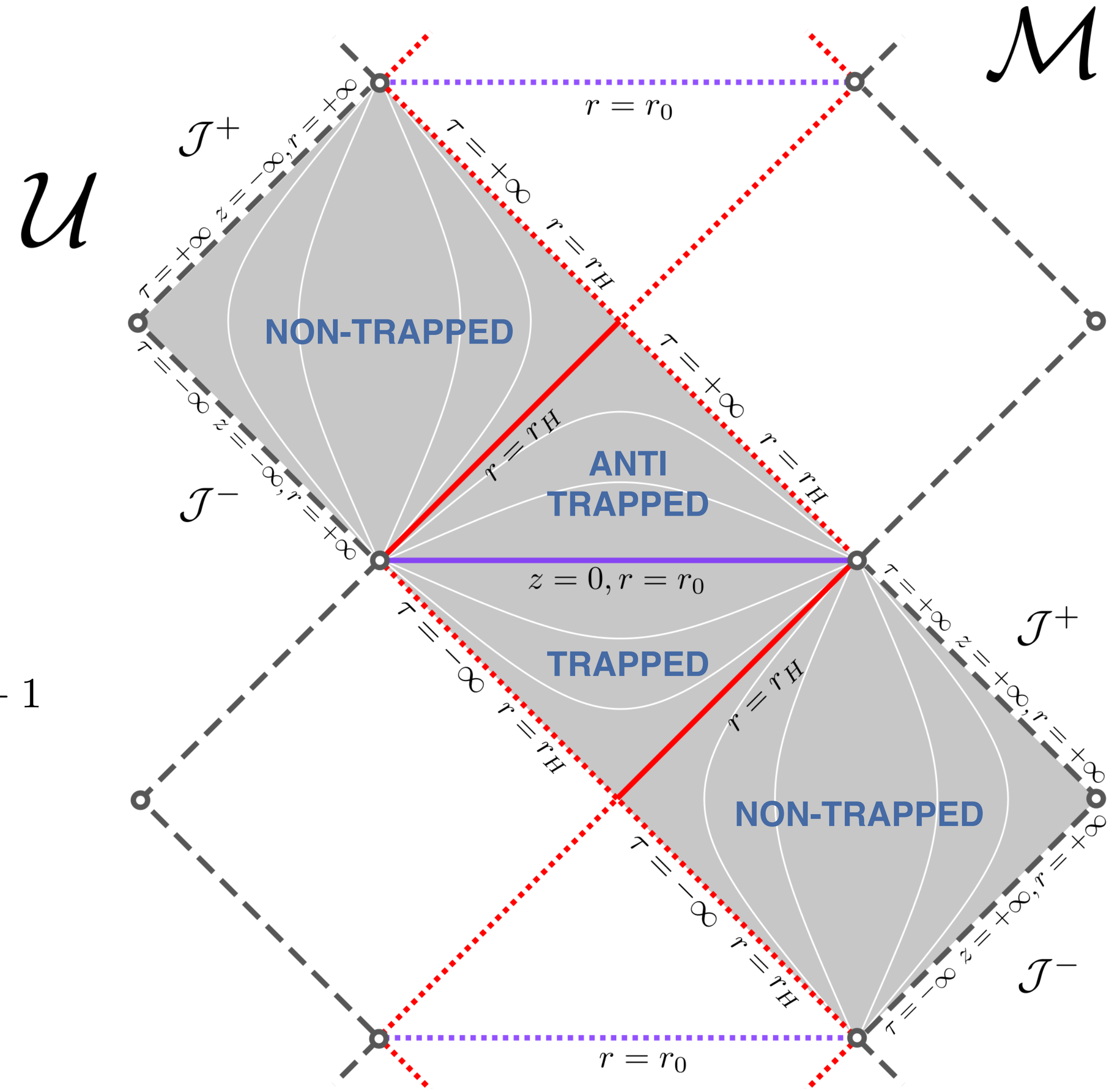
$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{6\lambda M^2}{r^4}$$

**Characterization of the new constant**

$$\lambda = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M_H}{M_K} - 1$$

mean curvature vector:  $H^\mu = (2/r) \nabla^\mu r$


$$H^\mu \partial_\mu = \text{sgn}(z) \frac{2}{r} \sqrt{1 - \frac{2\lambda M}{r}} \left( \sqrt{\frac{2M}{r}} \partial_\tau + \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right) \partial_z \right)$$



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Change of coordinates to static/homogeneous charts:

$$d\tau = dT + \left( 1 - \frac{2m(r(z))}{r(z)} \right)^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{2m(r(z))}{r(z)}} dz$$


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mass function

$$m(r) := M - \frac{Q^2}{2r} + \frac{\Lambda}{6} r^3$$

$$\left( \frac{dr(z)}{dz} \right)^2 = 1 - \frac{2\lambda m(r(z))}{r(z)}$$

implicit definition of  $r(z)$

[This is a solution to the Hamiltonian equations, and not just an extension of the vacuum metric]

*Are these spacetimes free of singularities?*

- Ricci scalar

$$\mathcal{R} = 4\Lambda \left(1 + \frac{\lambda}{2}\right) + 2\lambda \left(\frac{3M^2}{r^4} + \frac{Q^2}{r^4} \left(1 - \frac{4M}{r} + \frac{Q^2}{r^2}\right) - \Lambda \left(\frac{4M}{r} + \Lambda r^2\right) + \frac{4\Lambda Q^2}{3r^2}\right)$$

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Domain of  $r$  restricted by the existence of a solution for

$$\left(\frac{dr(z)}{dz}\right)^2 = 1 - \frac{2\lambda m(r(z))}{r(z)}$$

which is equivalent to a 1D particle with zero total energy

**The singularity is resolved by the appearance of a positive lower bound for  $r$**

$$\frac{1}{2}(r')^2 + V(r) = 0 \quad \text{where} \quad V(r) = -\frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{2\lambda m(r)}{r}\right)$$

Allowed regions:  $r > 0$  and  $2r^\ell V(r) \leq 0$

Study of singularity resolution = study of the roots of  $V(r)$

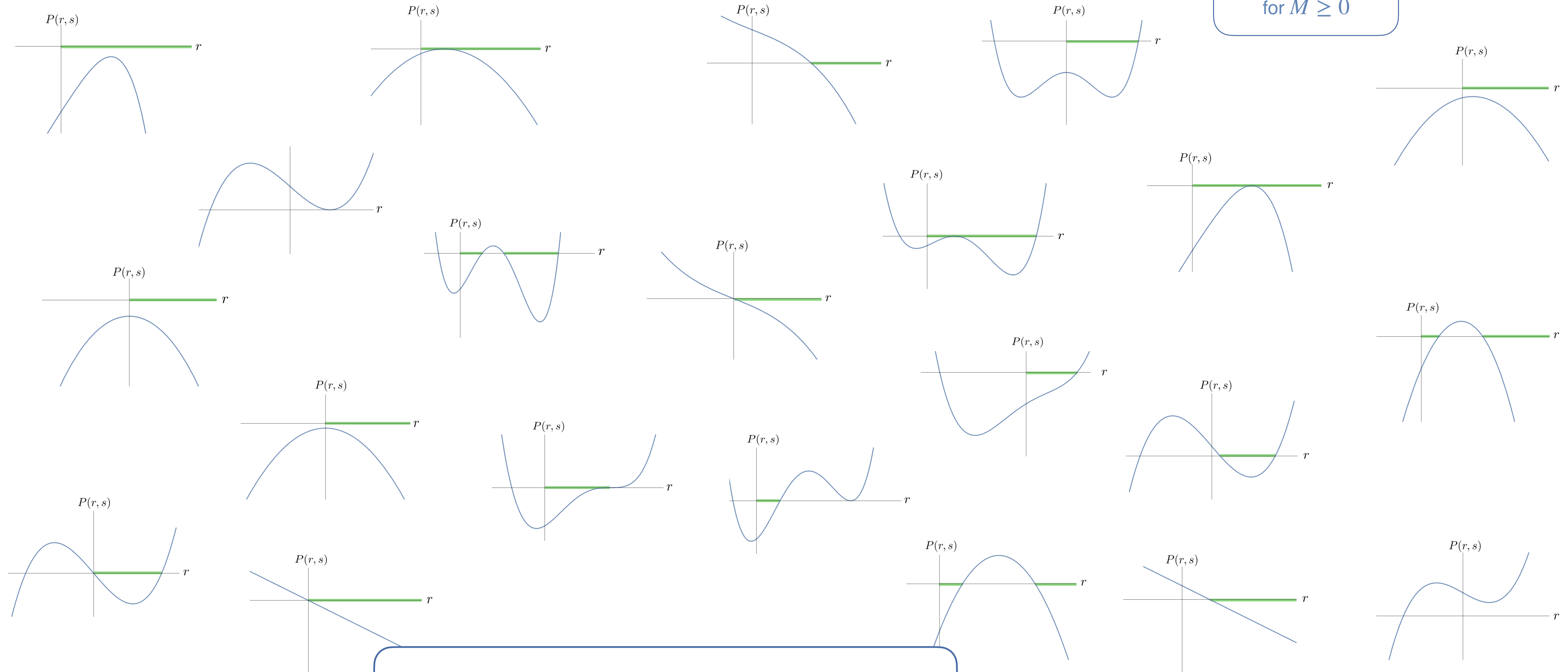
- Simple roots of  $V(r)$ : Turning points of  $r(z)$
- Multiple roots of  $V(r)$ : Asymptotic values of  $z$

# Charged BHs in Cosmological Backgrounds

## Study of Singularity Resolution

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for  $M \geq 0$



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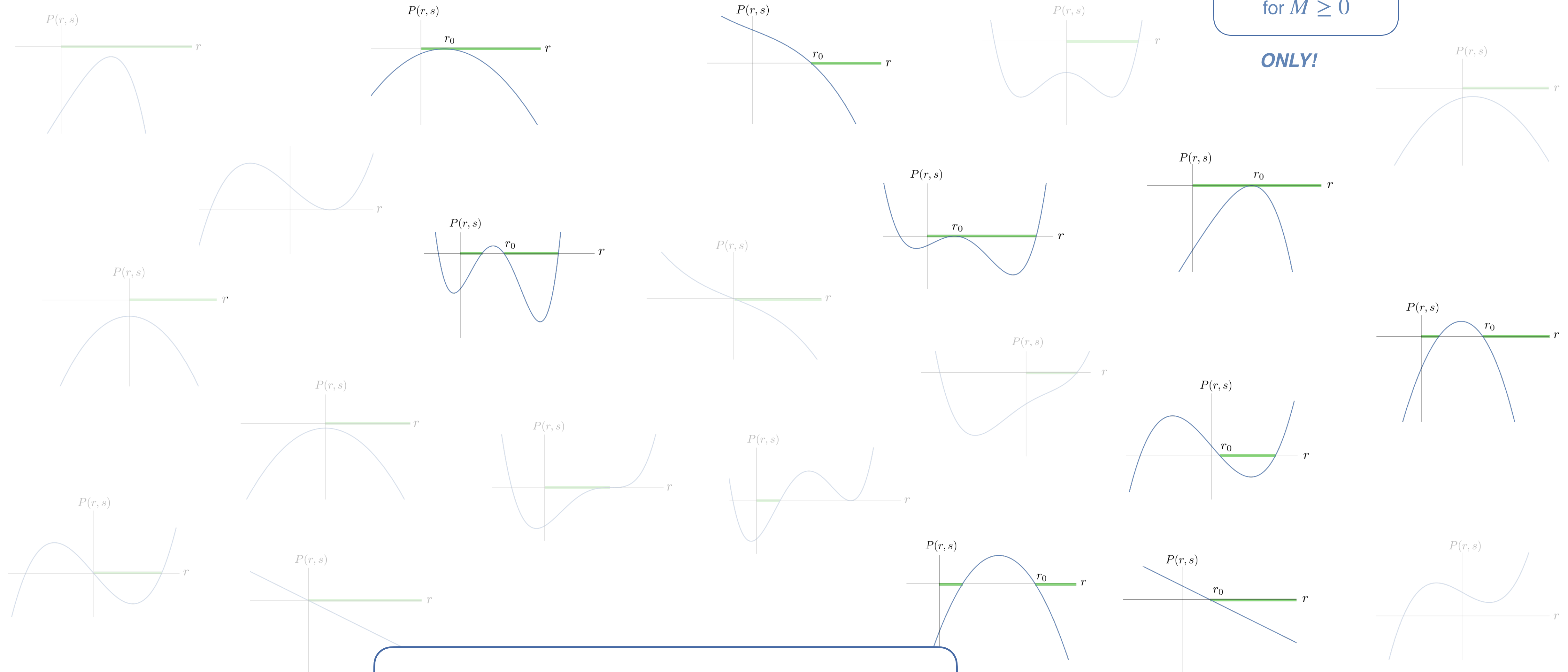
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### Existence of a Positive Infimum

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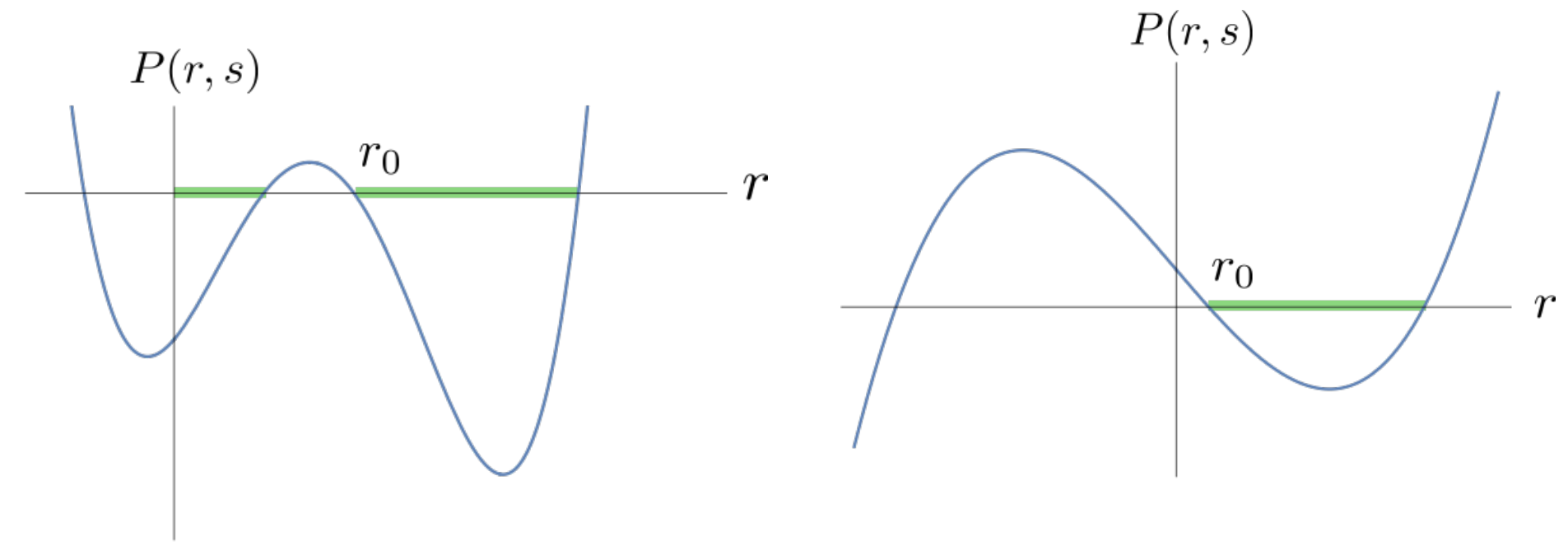
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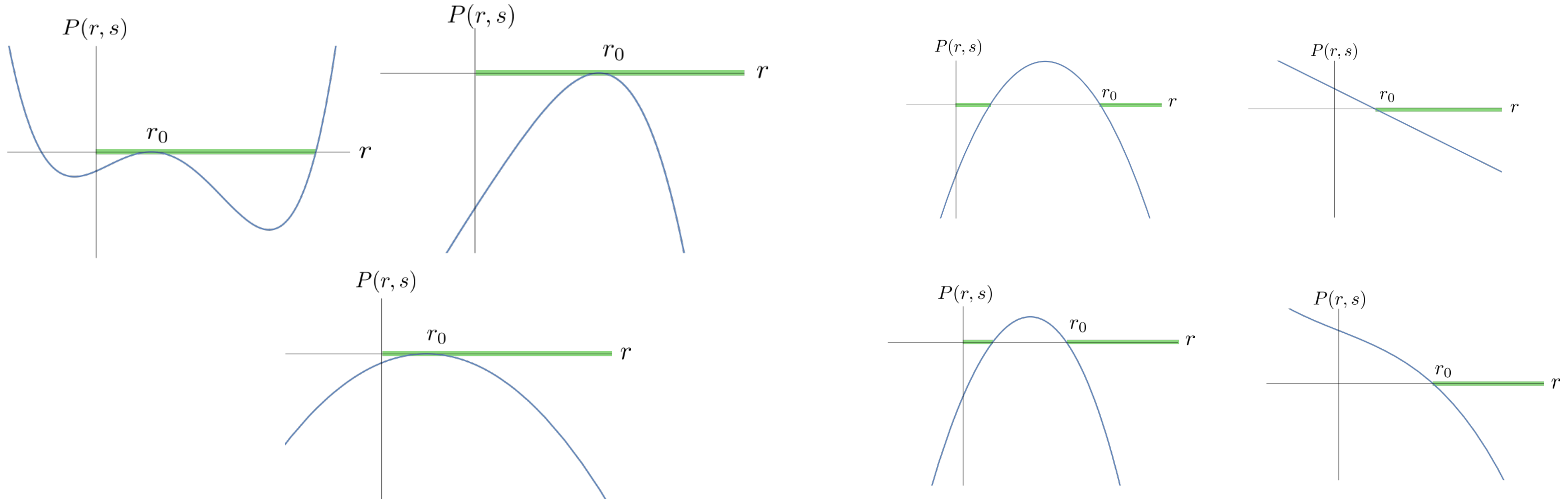
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$r_0$  “Replaces zero”

$r_\infty$  “Replaces infinity”

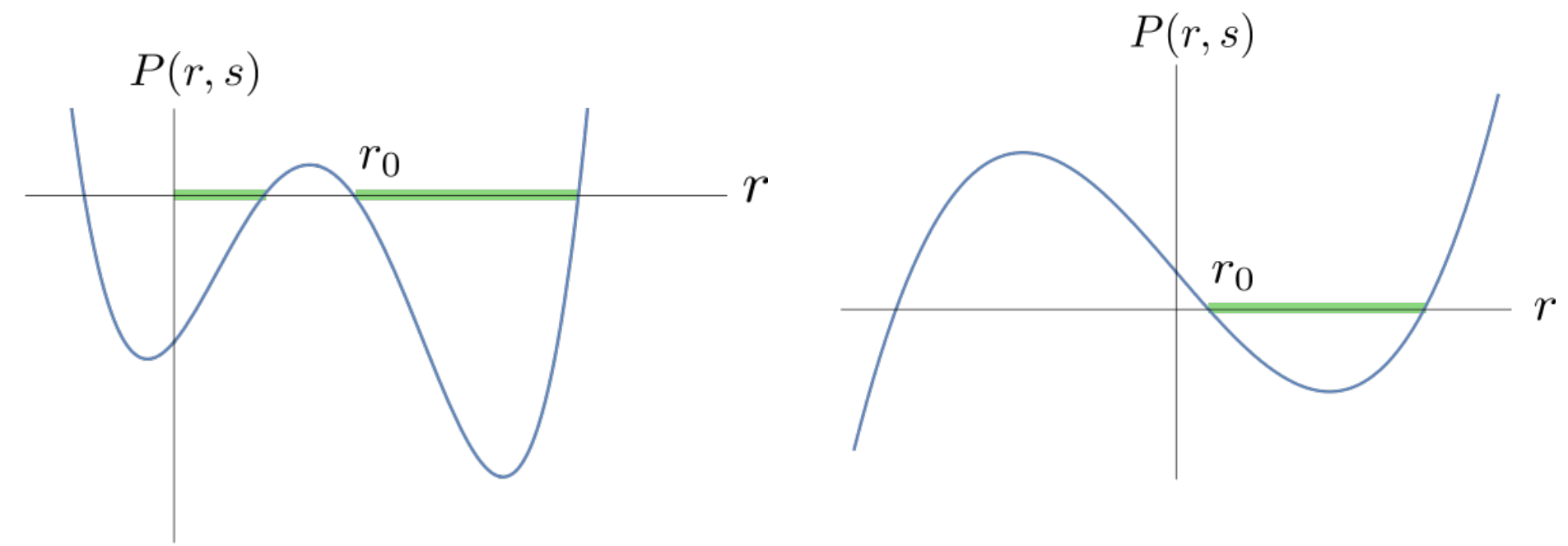
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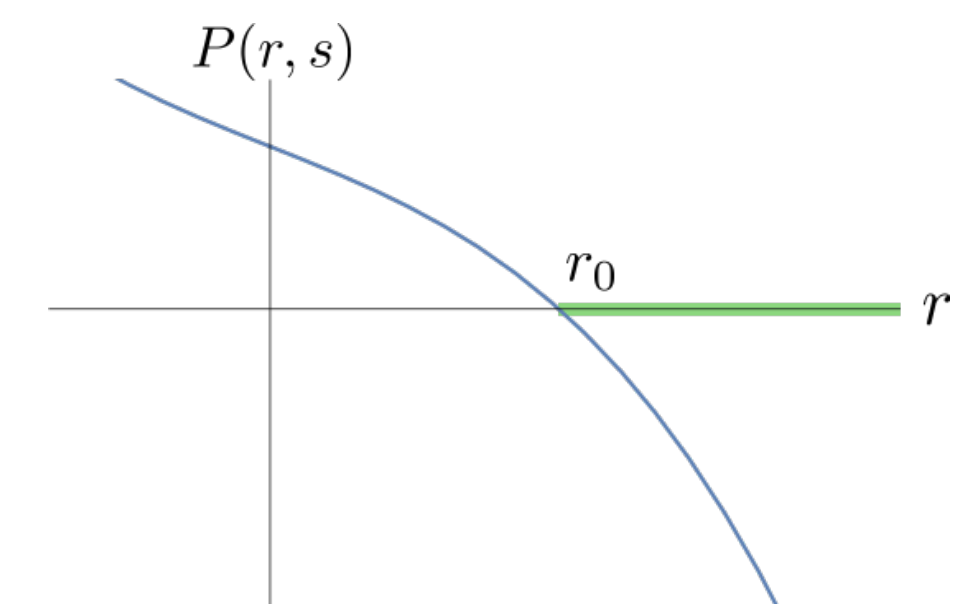
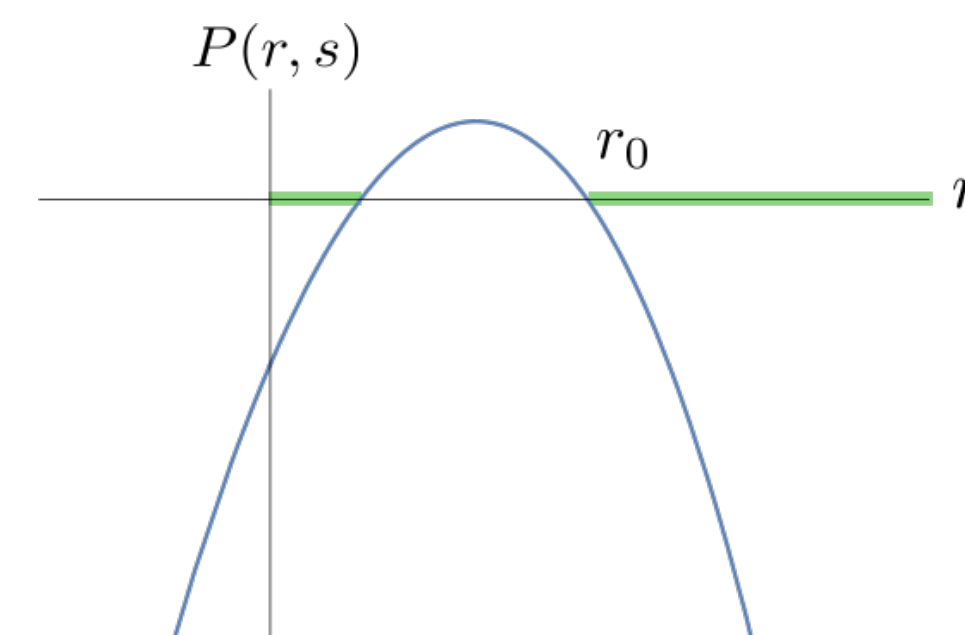
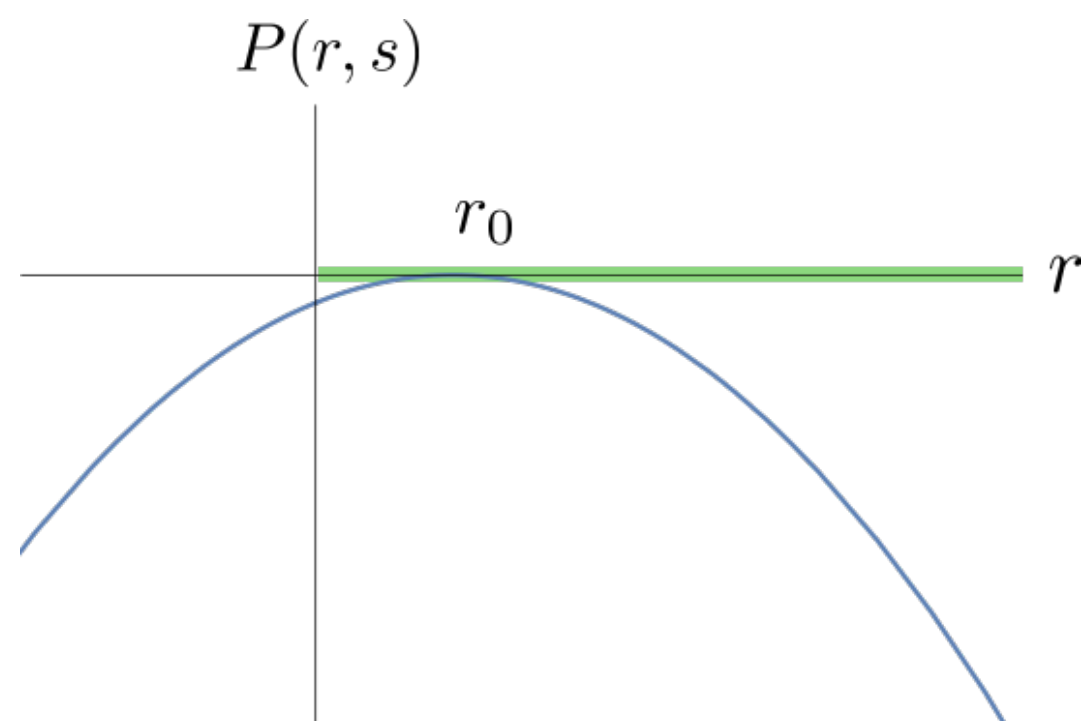
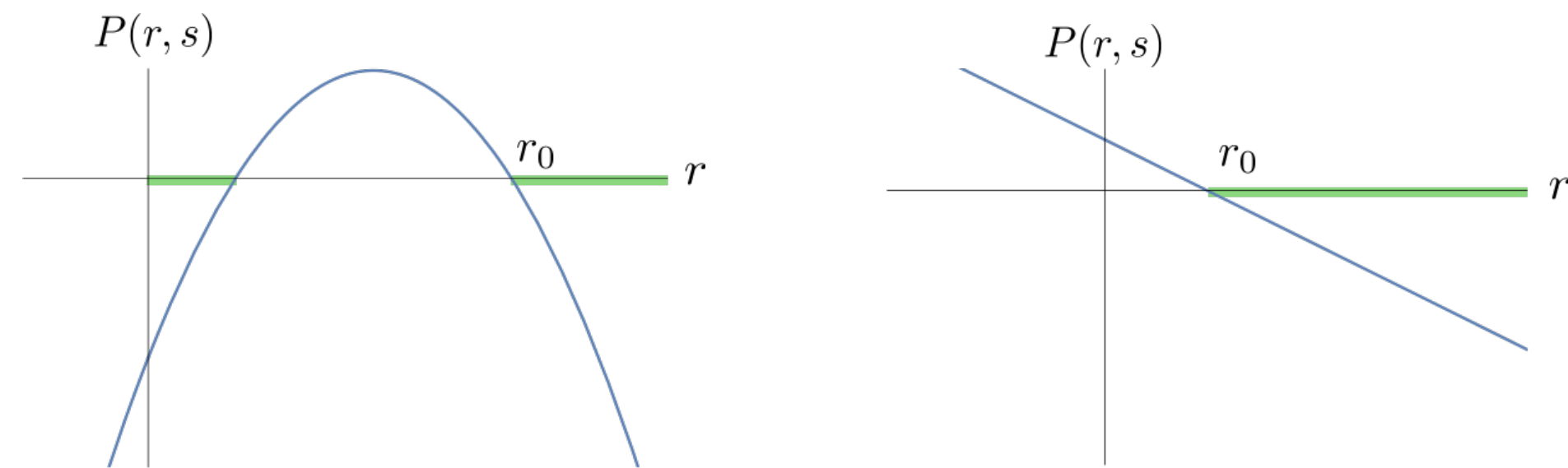
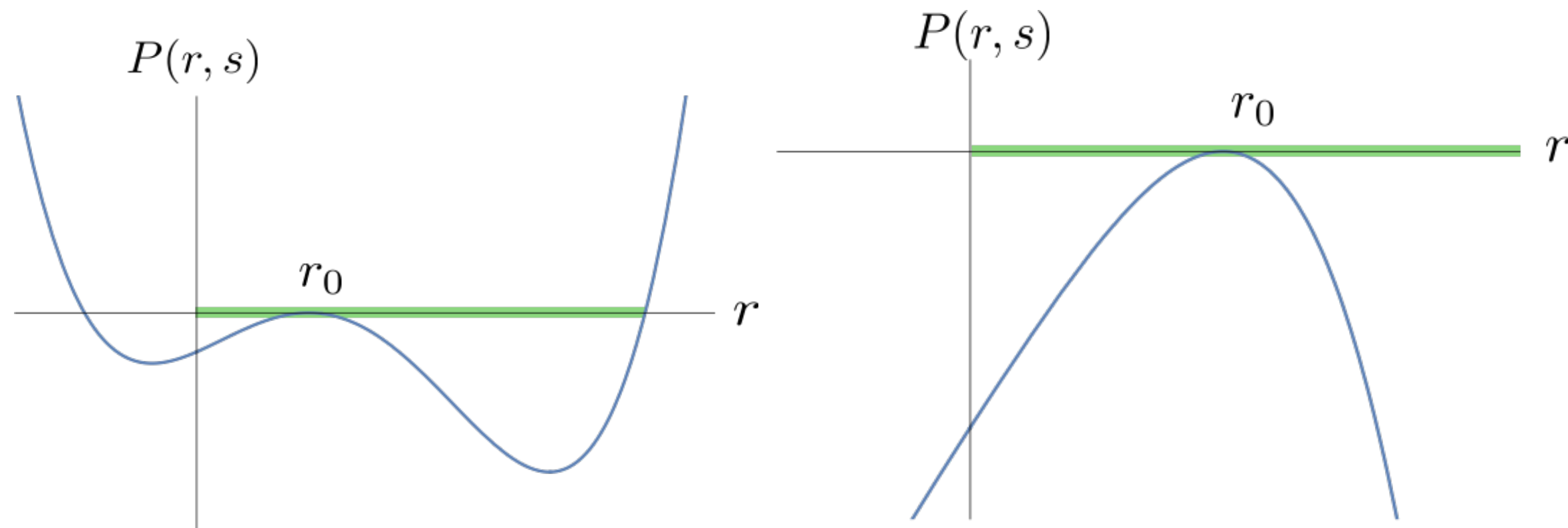
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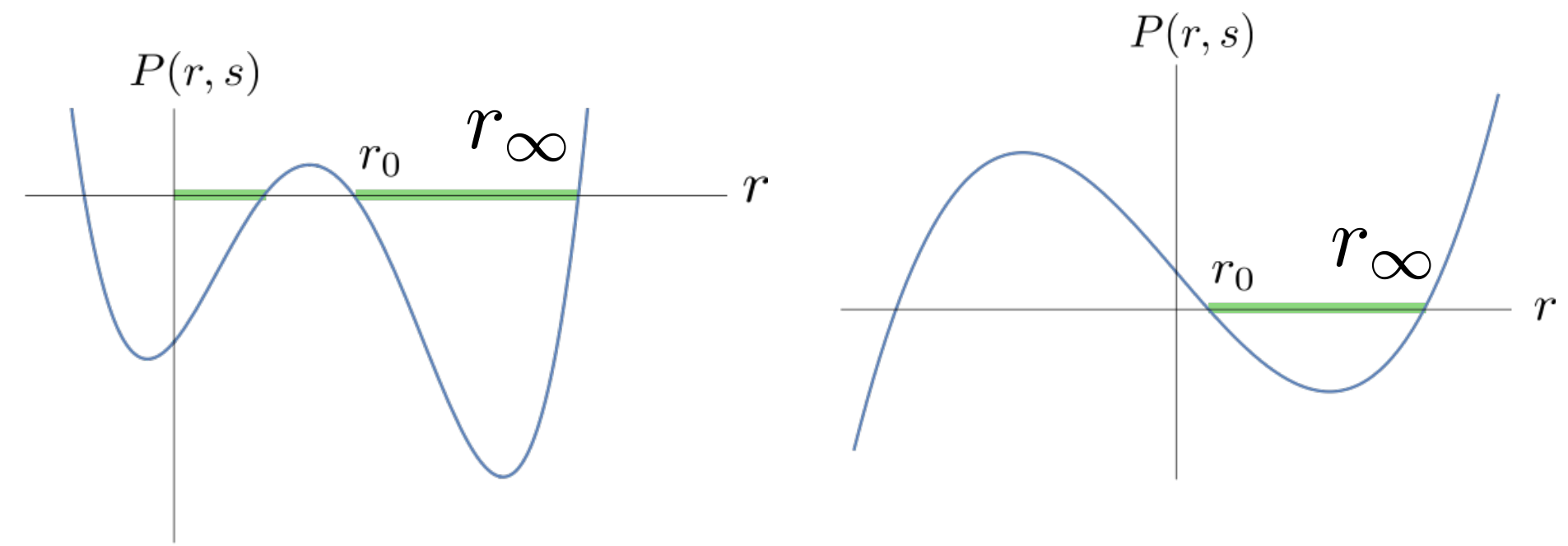
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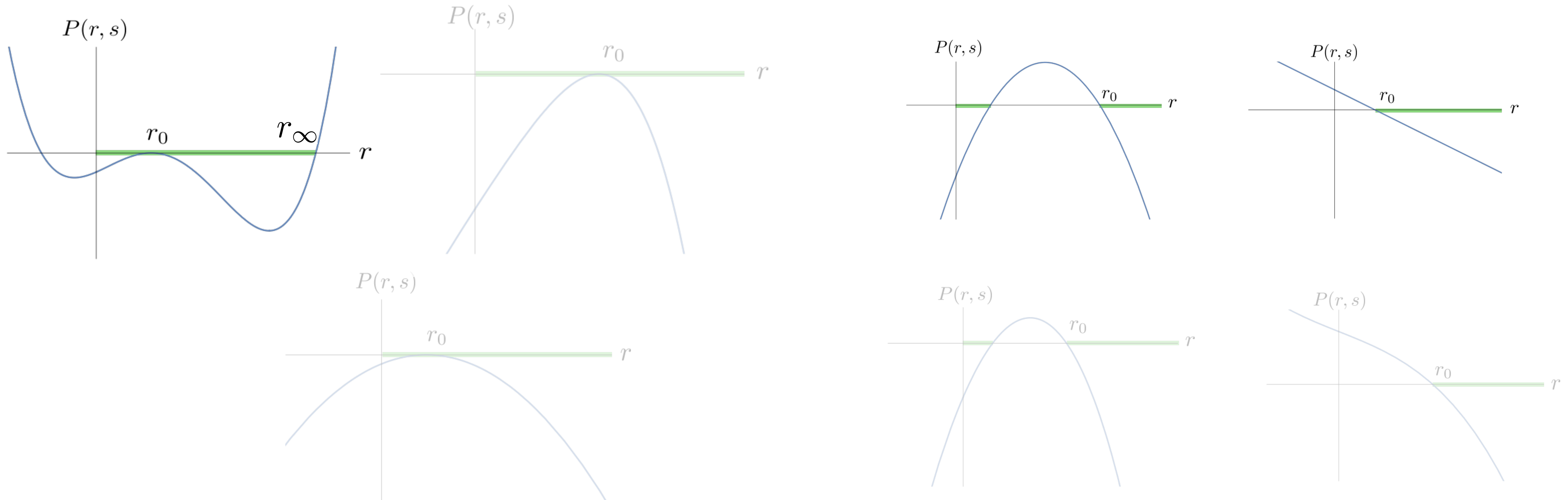
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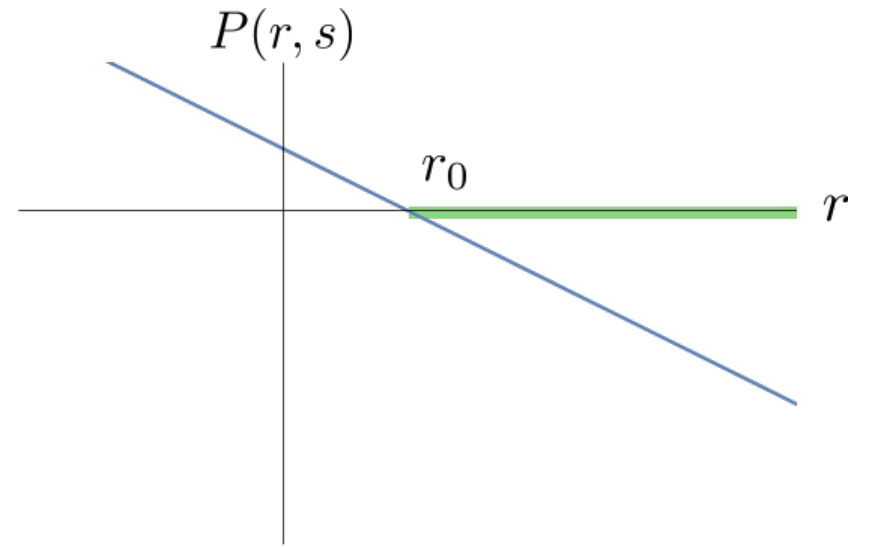
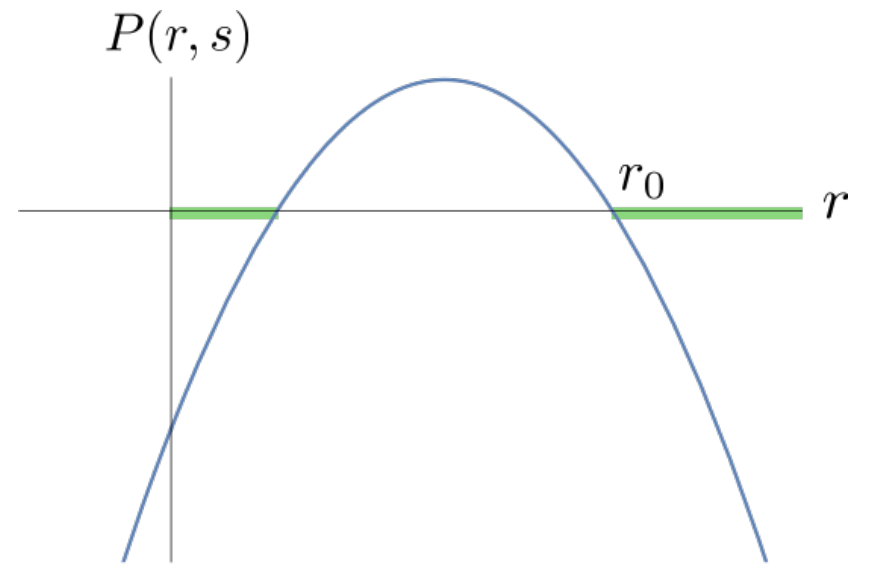
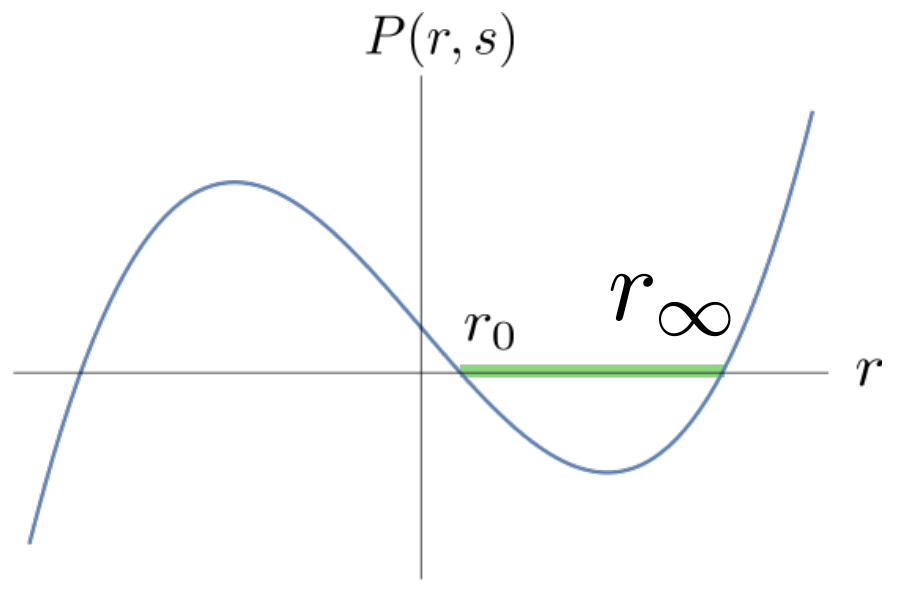
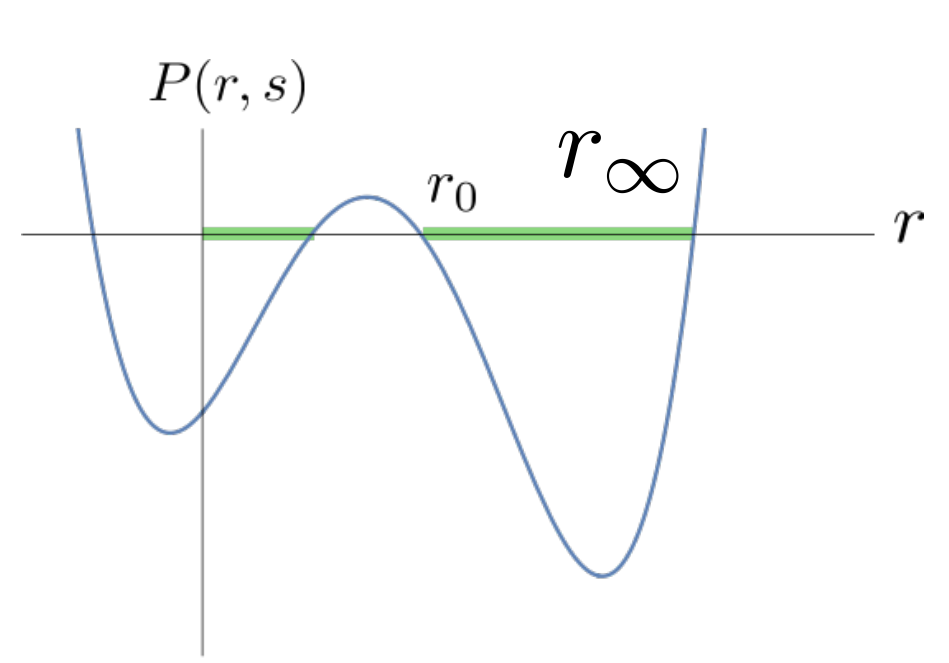
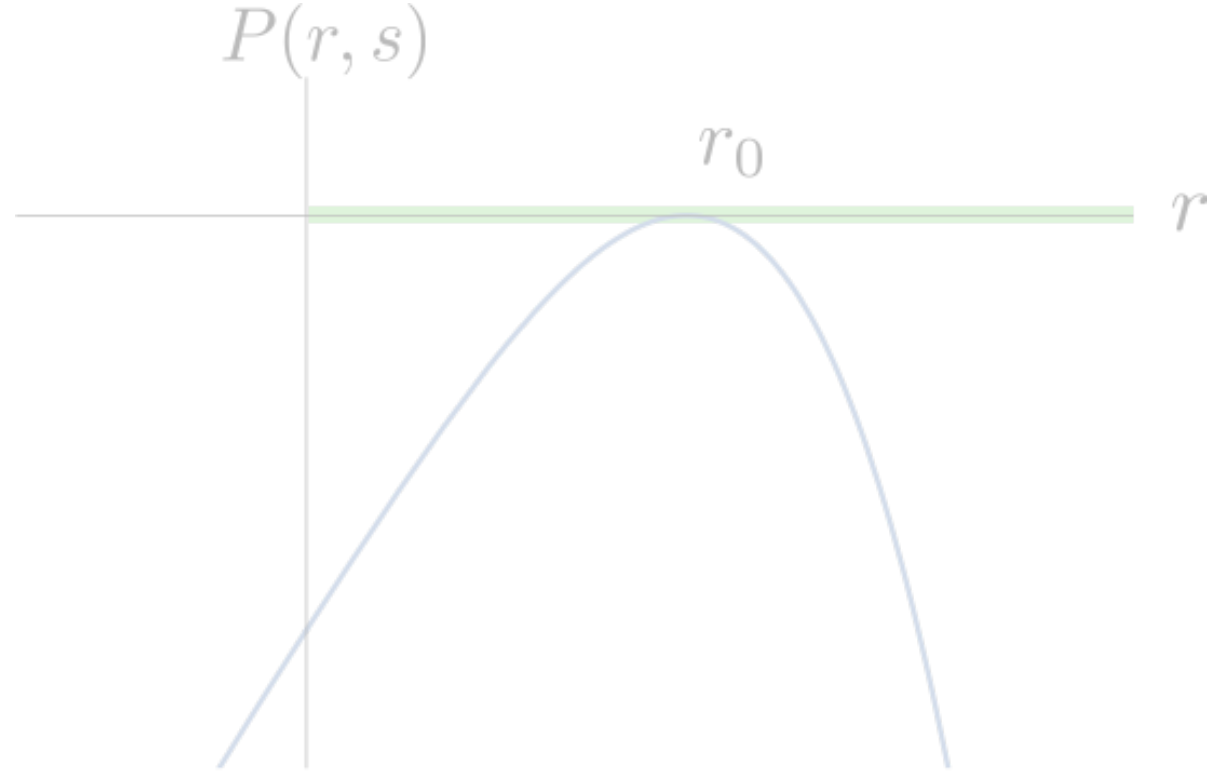
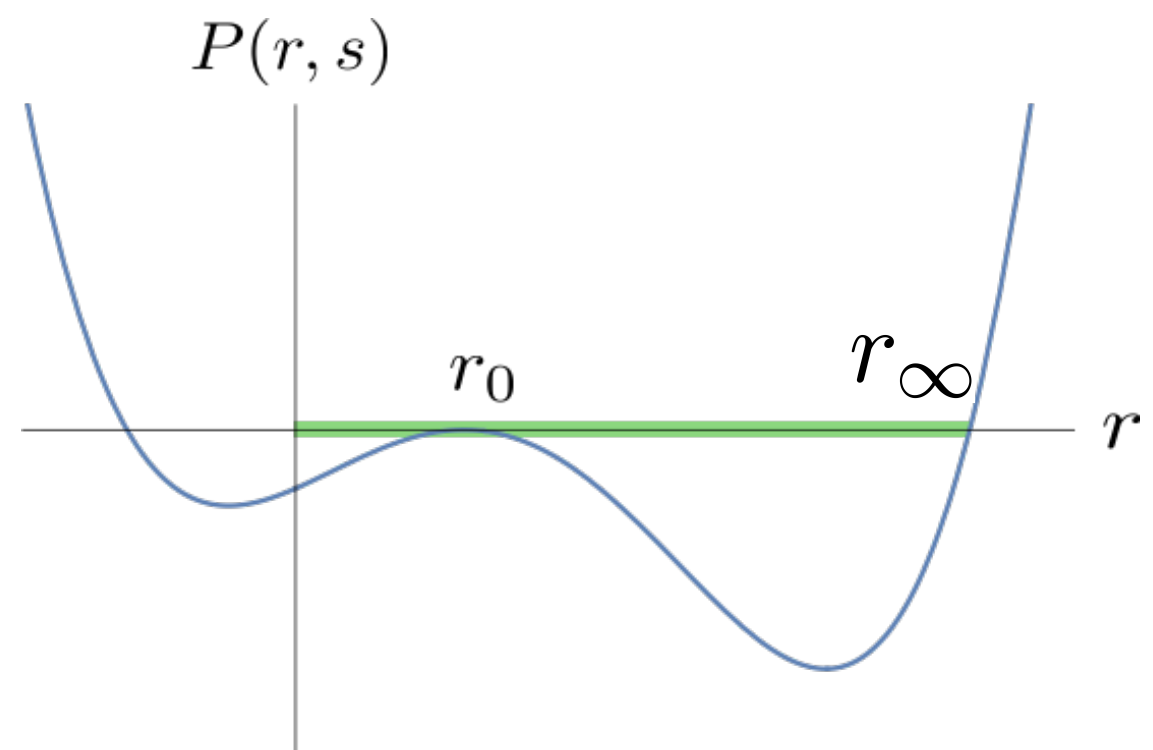


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**Generic features for SINGULARITY RESOLUTION:  $M > 0$ ,  $\Lambda \geq 0$ , and  $Q \downarrow$**

We study the cases that are free of curvature divergences

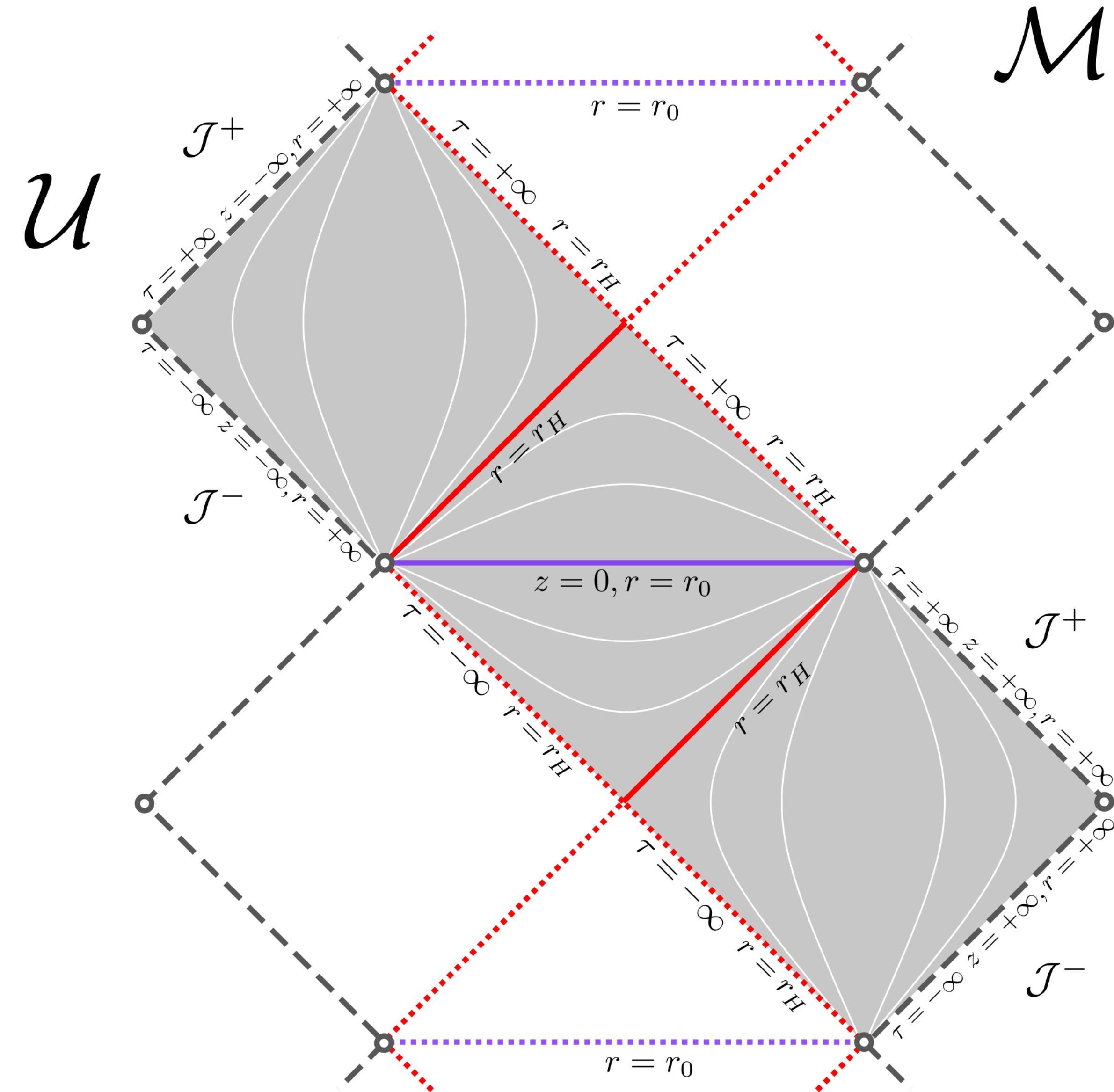
Norm of the Killing vector:  $G := -\tau^\mu \tau_\mu = 1 - \frac{2m(r)}{r}$

$$\lambda G(r) + 2V(r) = \lambda - 1$$

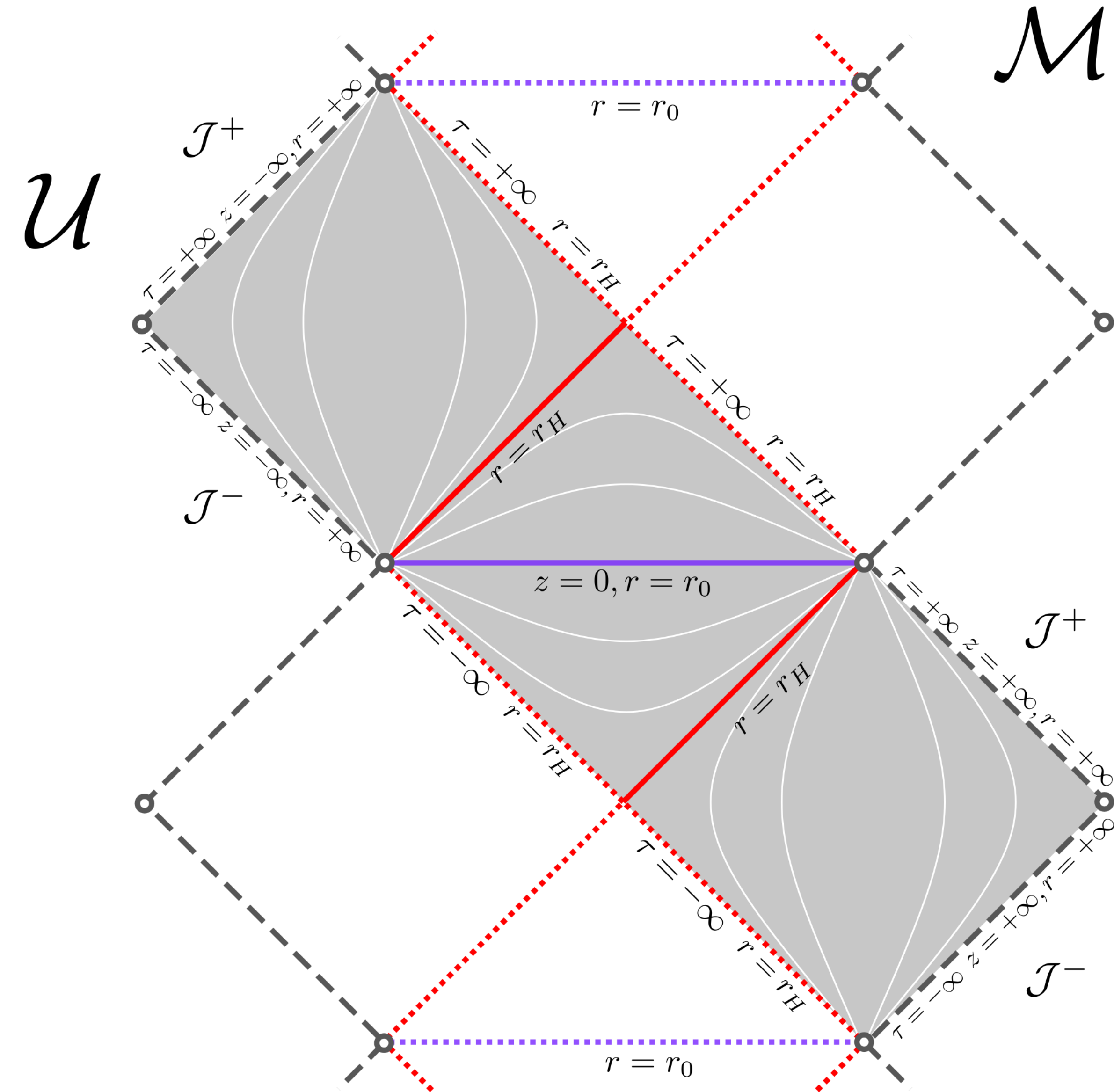
The roots of  $G(r)$  and  $V(r)$  cannot coincide

- All **roots of  $G(r)$**  at  $r = 2m(r)$  are null hypersurfaces (horizons)
- Simple **roots of  $V(r)$**  at  $r = r_0$  or  $r = r_\infty$  are minimal spacelike hypersurfaces
- Double **roots of  $V(r)$**  at  $r = r_0$  are null (past or future) boundaries at infinity



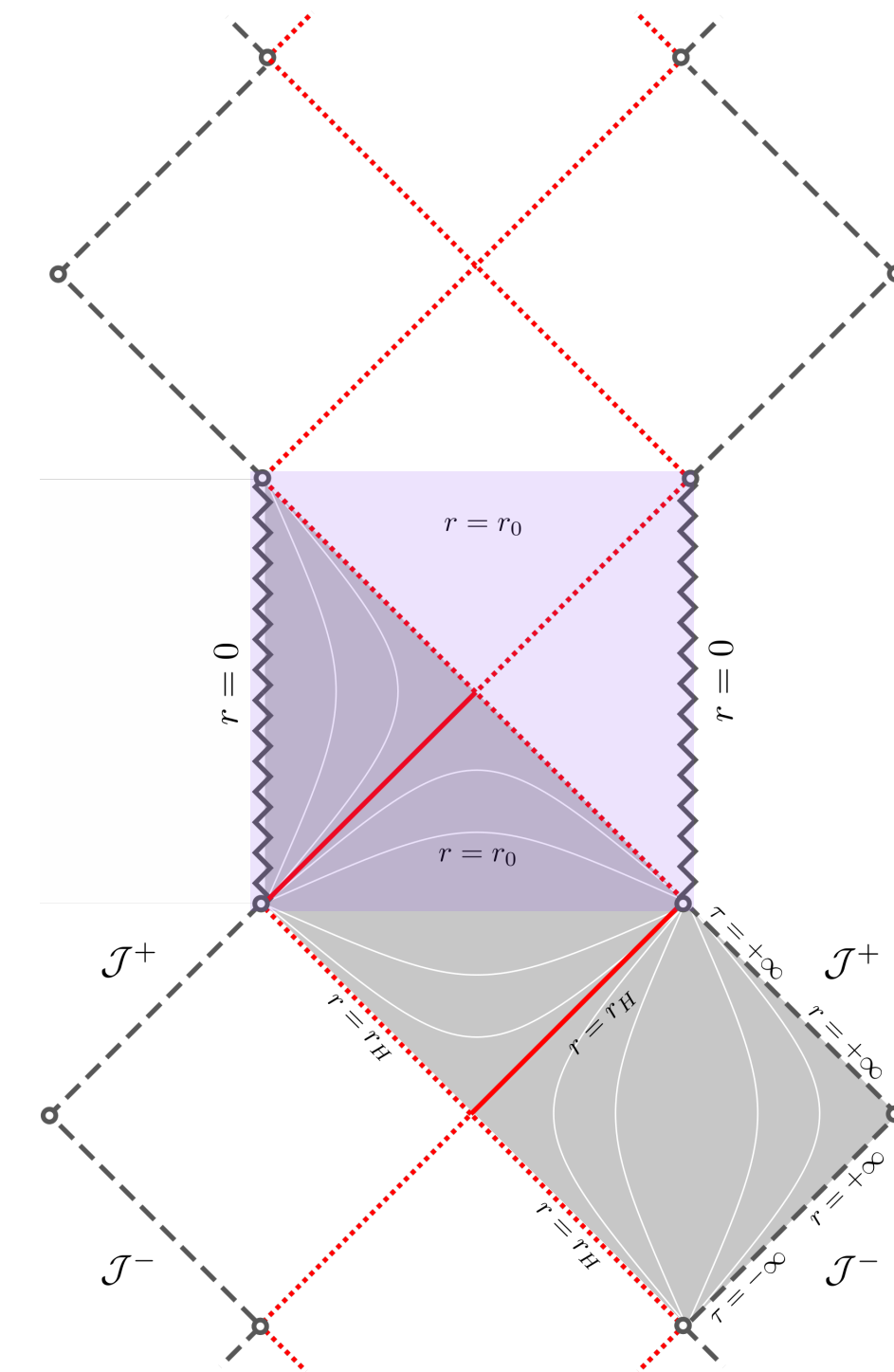


- ..... Maximal extension  $\mathcal{M}$
- Included in  $\mathcal{U}$
- Domain  $\mathcal{U}$  covered by  $(\tau, z)$
- ..... Null infinities
- Timelike/Spacelike infinities
- ⤵ Constant  $r$  hypersurfaces
- Critical hypersurfaces [roots of  $V(r)$ ]
- Horizons [roots of  $G(r)$ ]
- Asymptotic ends [ $r \rightarrow \infty$ ]

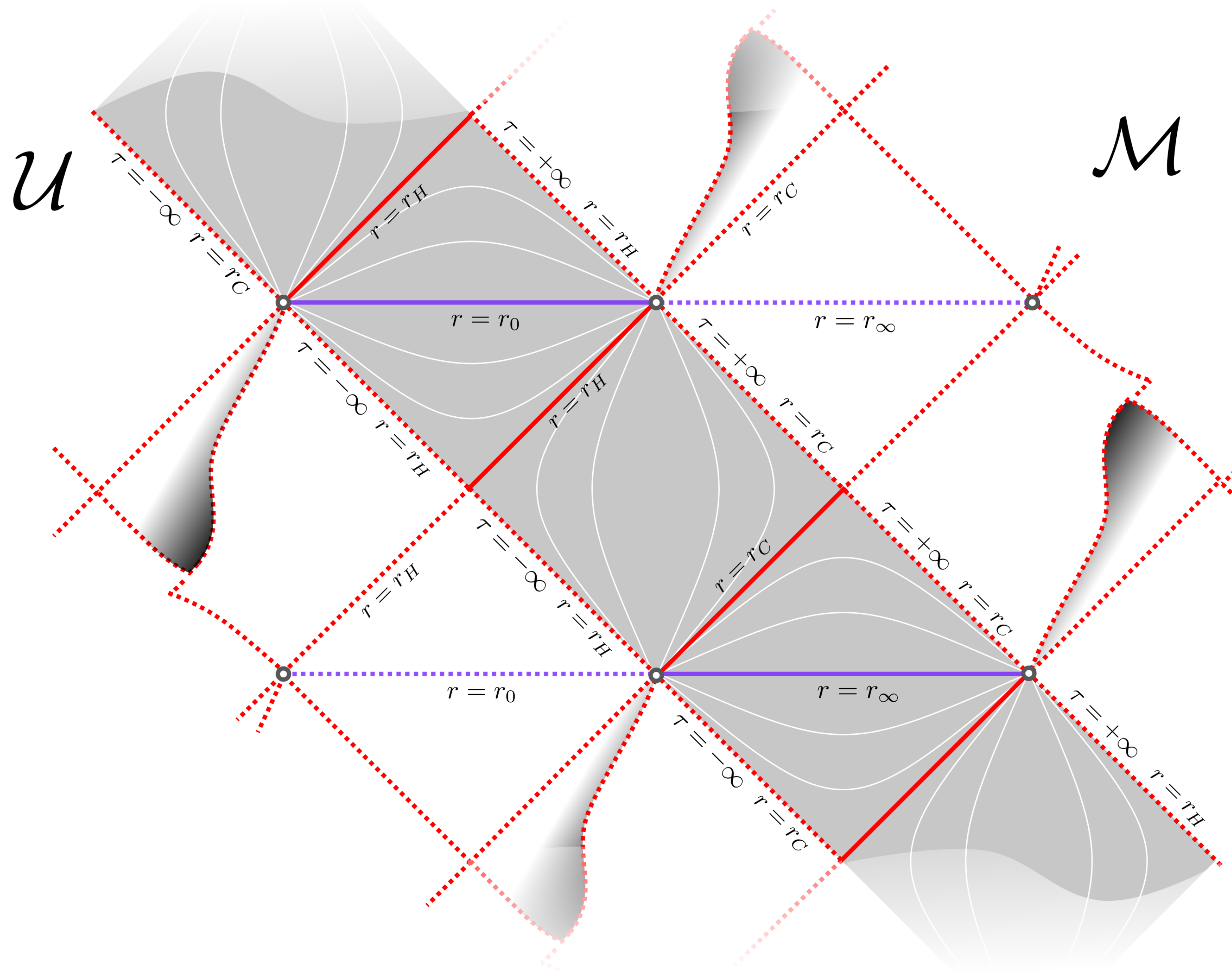


### Reissner-Nordström and Schwarzschild

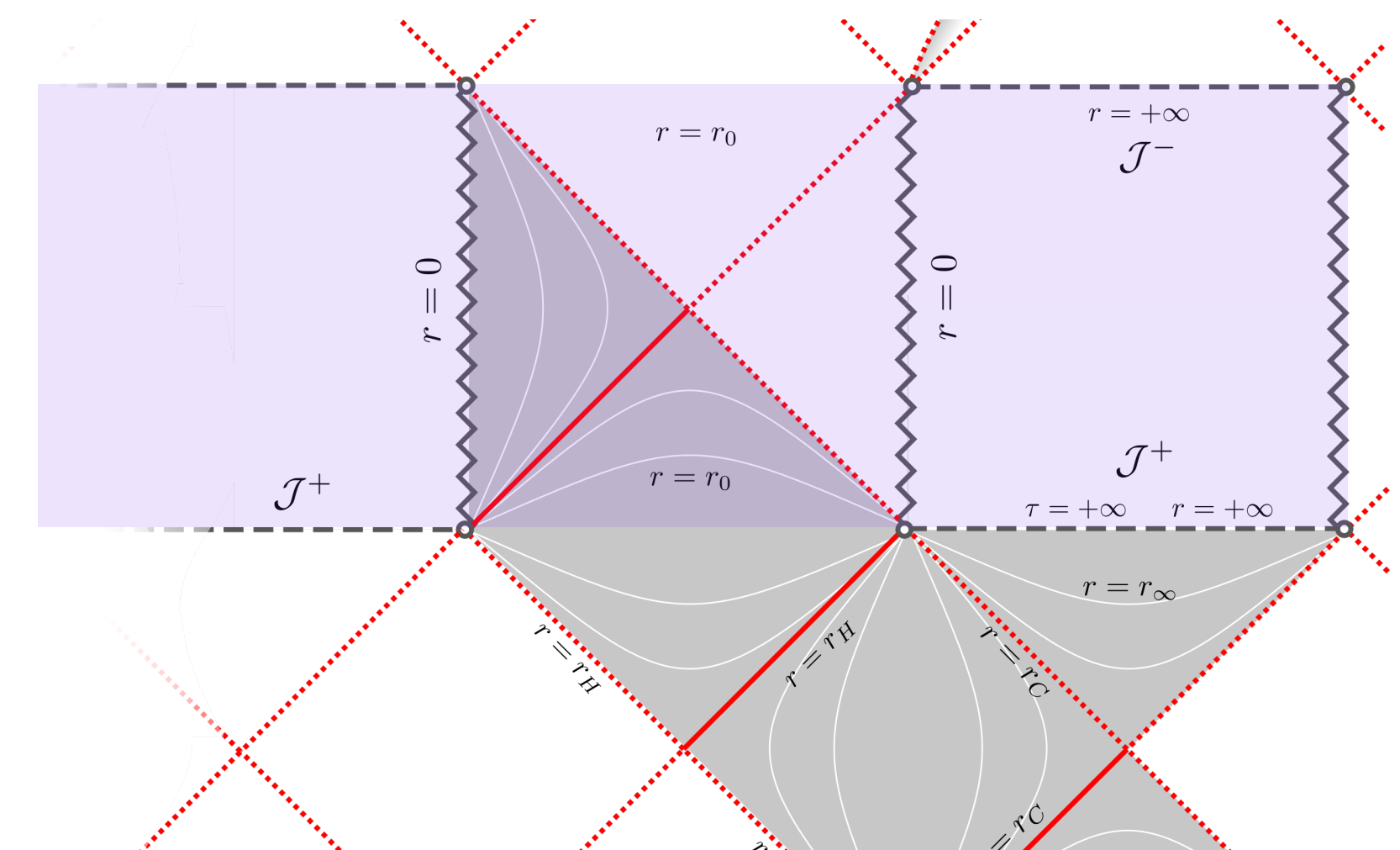
- It is the same diagram as in vacuum
- Small amounts of charge do not alter the causal structure of the spacetime
- The singularity (and all structure beyond the inner horizon in RN) is replaced by a minimal transition surface

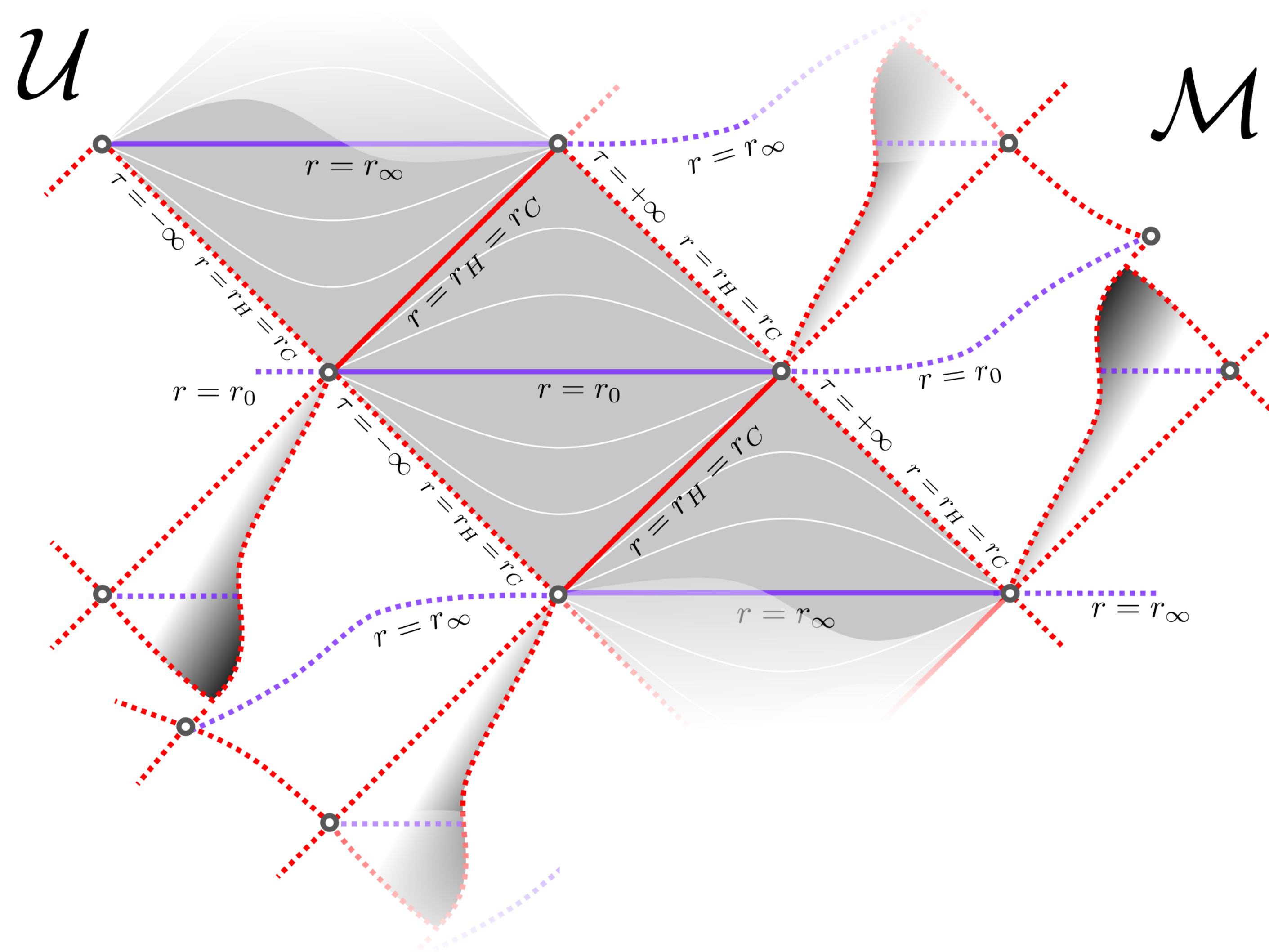


### Reissner-Nordström-de Sitter and Schwarzschild-de Sitter



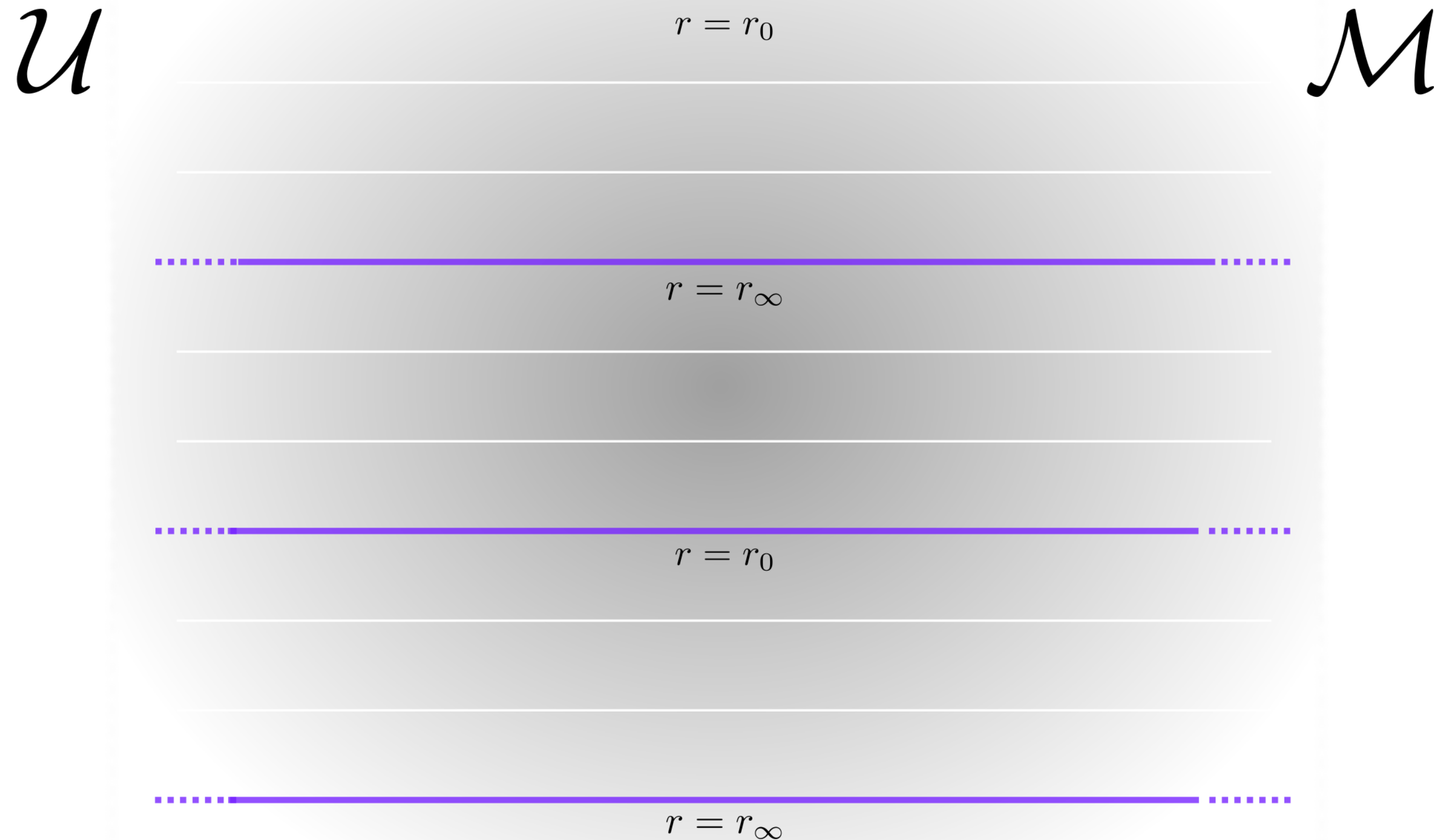
- Minimal spacelike hypersurfaces foliated by spheres of area  $4\pi r_0^2$  replace the singularity
- Minimal spacelike hypersurfaces foliated by spheres of area  $4\pi r_\infty^2$  replace asymptotic infinities
- Infinite copies of  $\mathcal{U}$  along all directions, layering up around each ring in a helical (clockwise) manner





**Reissner-Nordström-de Sitter**  
(one degenerate horizon)

- Same features as before BUT the two horizons degenerate into a single one
- There are no static regions in  $\mathcal{M}$ : This solution represents a periodic bouncing cosmology
- The existence of horizons allows accelerating observers to decouple from cosmic time and end at  $i^+$



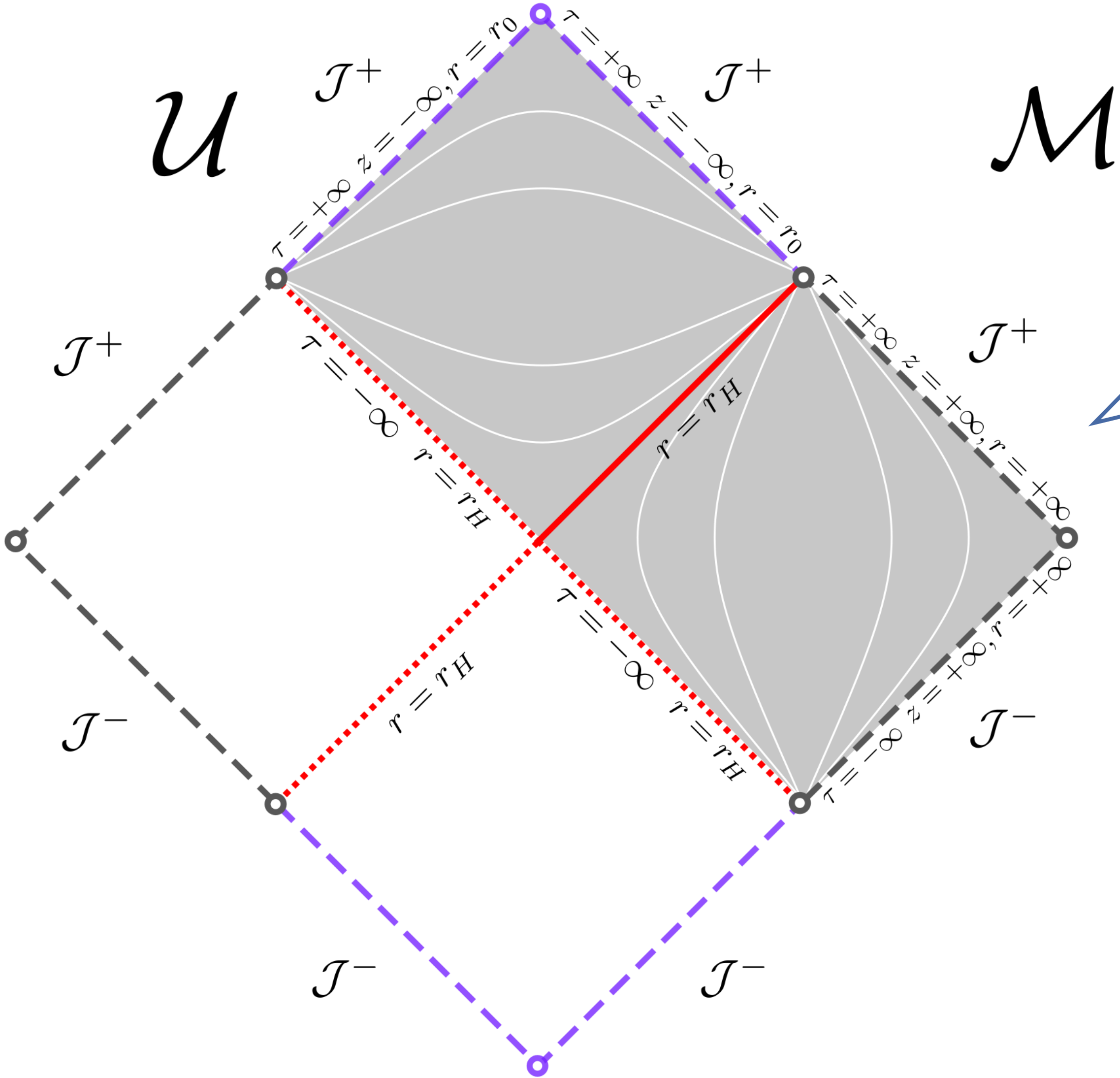
Reissner-Nordström-de Sitter

(no horizons)

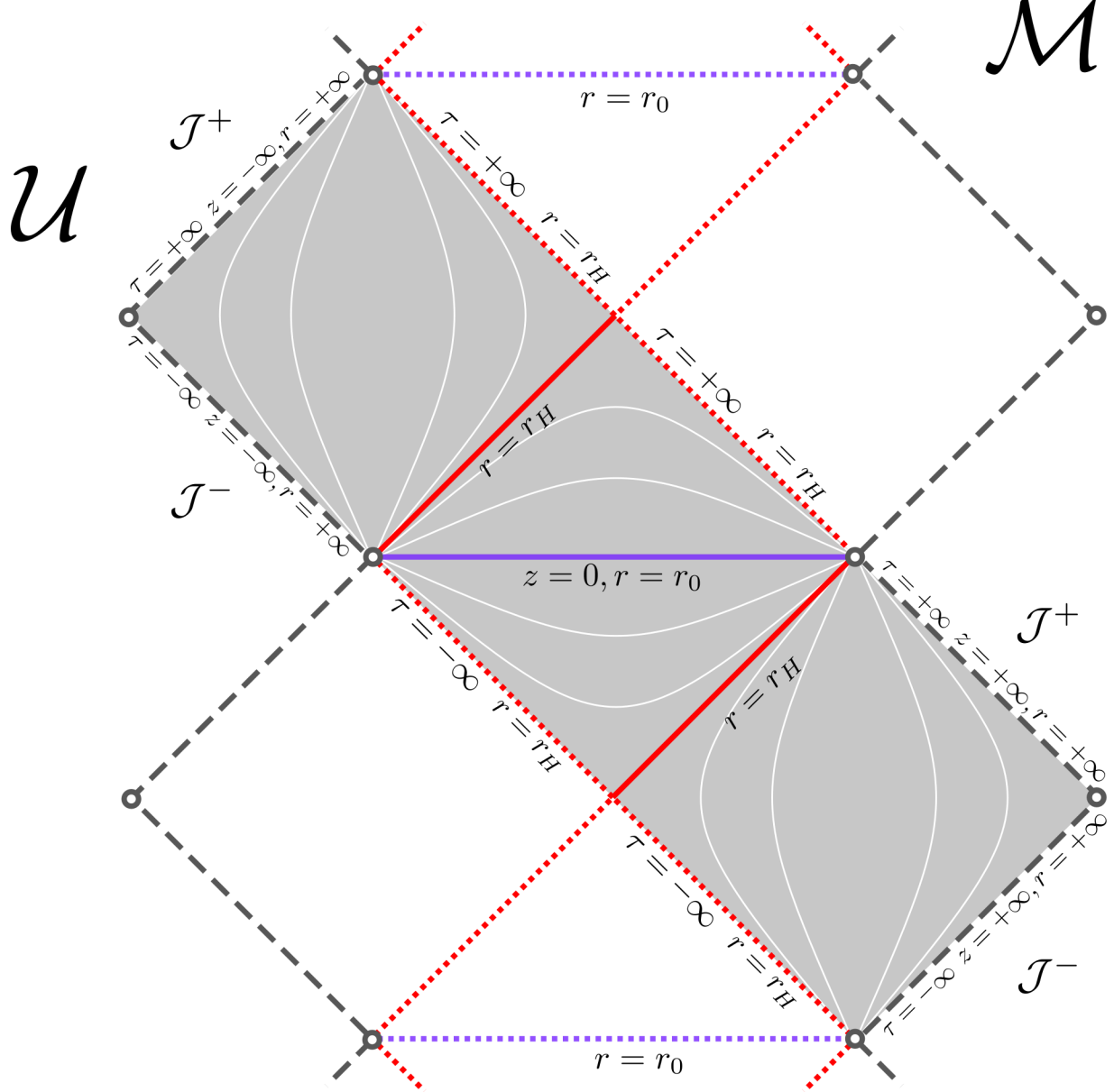
- All hypersurfaces of constant  $r$  are spacelike
- This is a cyclic cosmology, oscillating between hypersurfaces foliated by spheres of area  $4\pi r_0^2$  and  $4\pi r_\infty^2$
- The diagram is not compactified. Any observers cross infinitely many hypersurfaces of equal  $r$

# Charged BHs in Cosmological Backgrounds

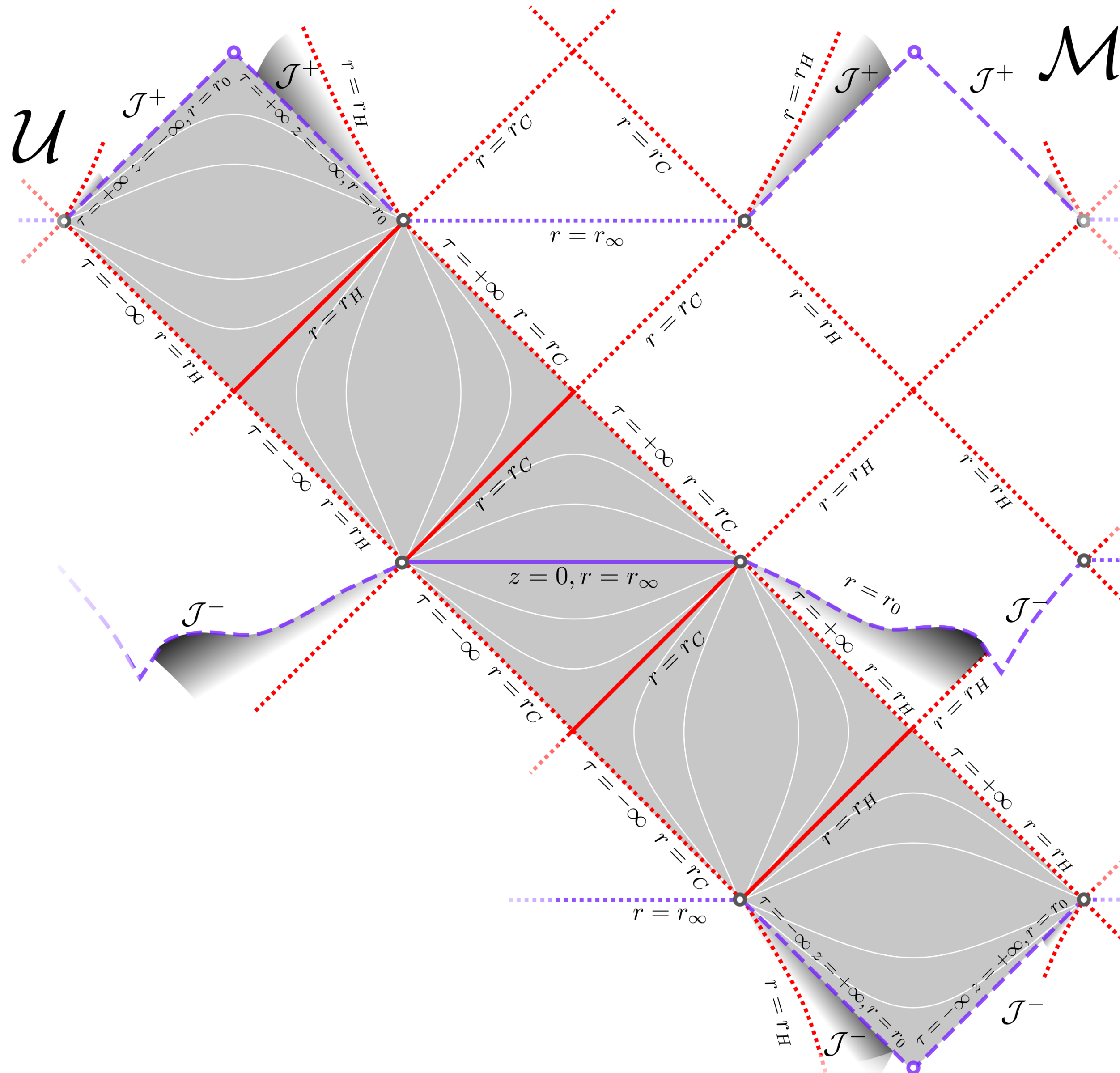
*“Extremal” cases*



Reissner-Nordström  
(MAX. charge)

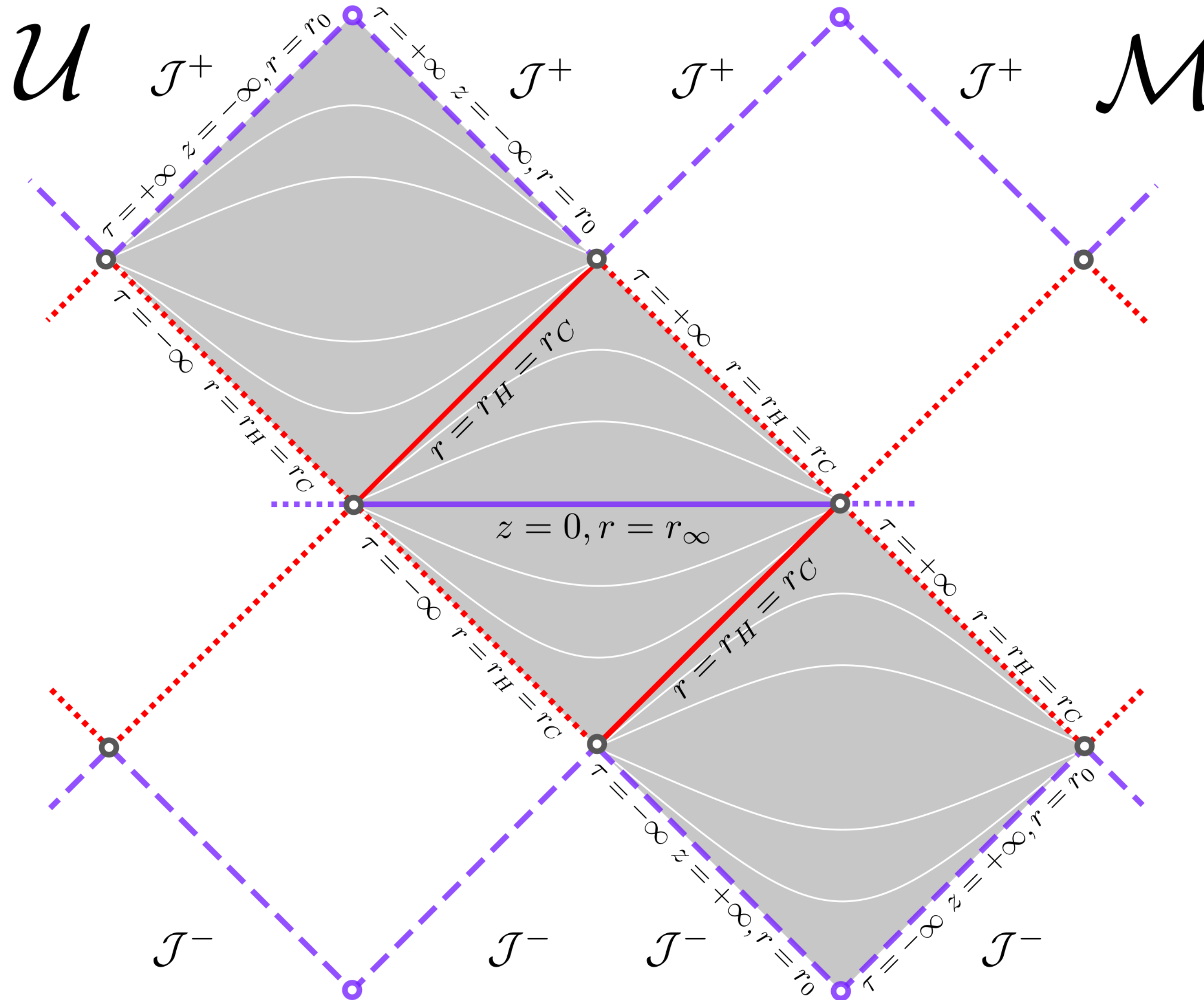


- The charge, however, has an upper limit that makes  $r = r_0$  unreachable in finite proper time
- Although there is no singularity, observers crossing the horizon can never leave
- Radial travellers move forever towards either  $r_0$  or  $\infty$



Reissner-Nordström-de Sitter  
(MAX. charge)

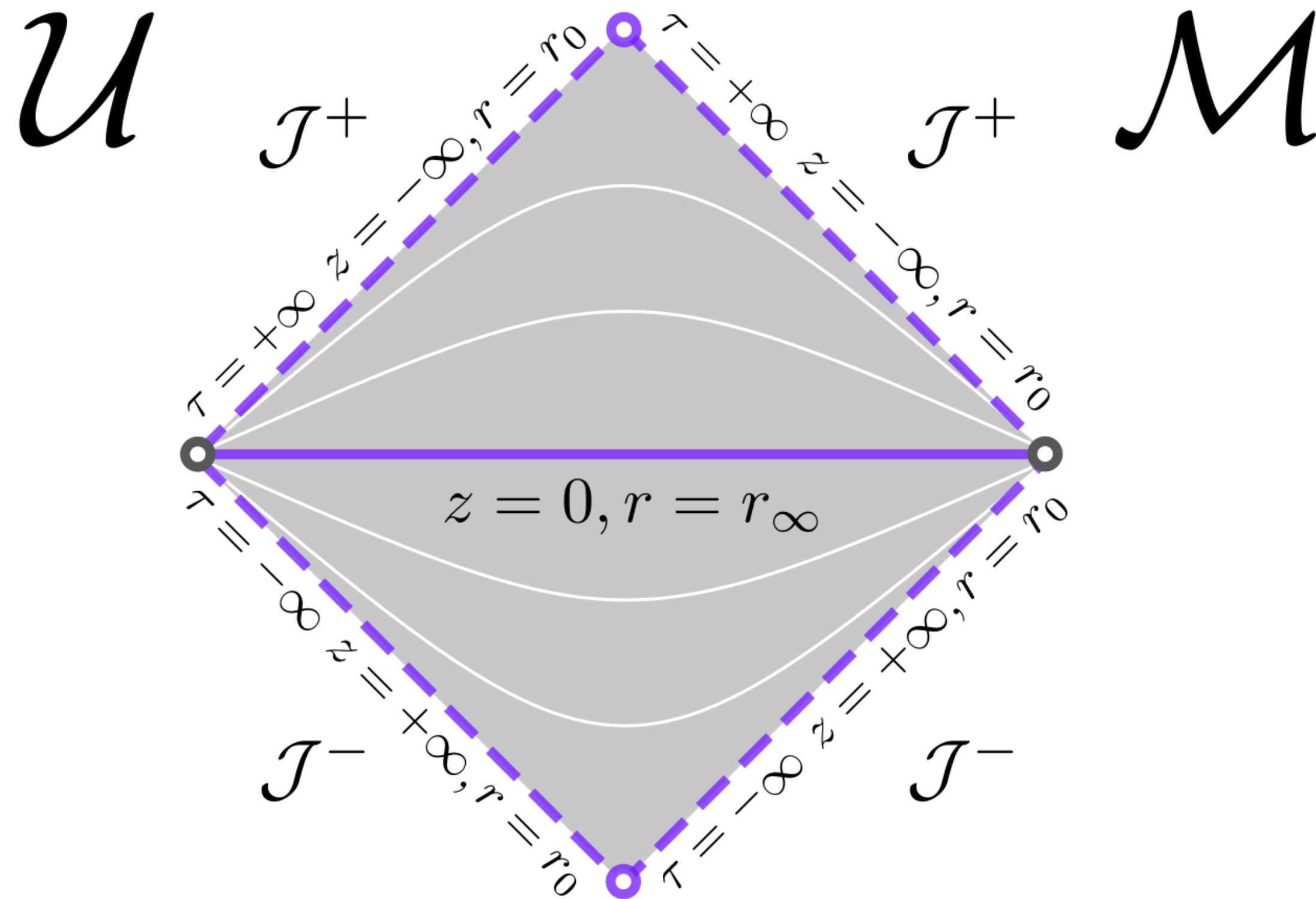
- The diagram for  $\mathcal{U}$  is finite. Still,  $\mathcal{M}$  unfolds at each ring
- Hypersurfaces  $r = r_0$  become null infinities and cannot be crossed
- The maximum  $r_\infty$  of the area radius is a reflection-symmetry point



**Reissner-Nordström-de Sitter**  
 (MAX. charge – one degenerate horizon)

- This corresponds to the extremal case of the previous one, when both horizons coincide
- Homogeneous regions are bounded either by horizons or by null infinities foliated by spheres of area  $4\pi r_0^2$
- Only accelerating observers may stay in regions where  $r > r_H$





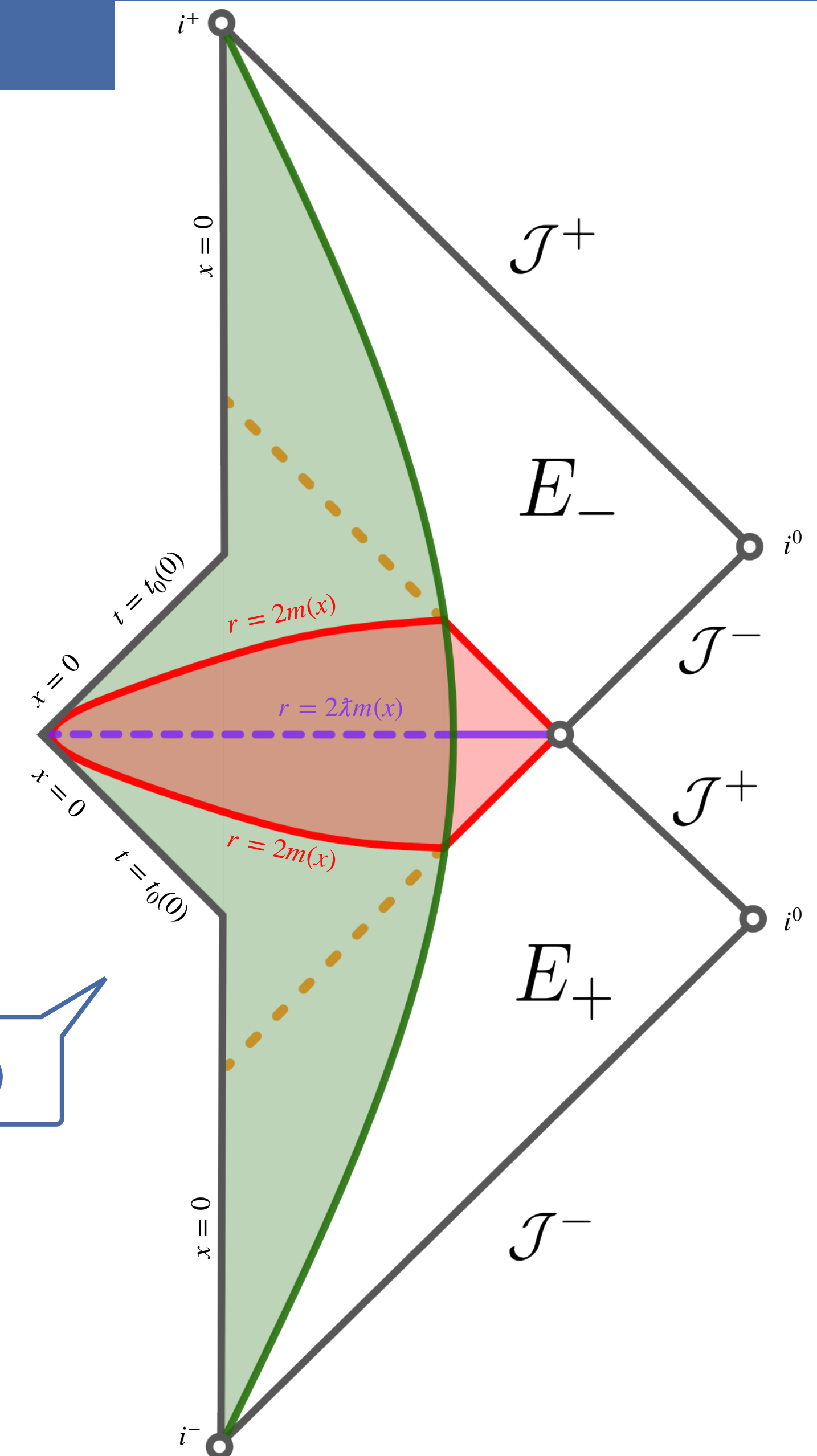
**Reissner-Nordström-de Sitter**  
(MAX. charge — no horizons)

- The universe asymptotically expands from and contracts to a null hypersurface of spheres with minimum area
- All observers cross the unique  $r = r_\infty$  hypersurface, which is a reflection-symmetry point
- This is a closed cosmology that solves both the Big Bang and the Big Crunch, with no need of any Big Bounces

- Regular and analytical bounce on phase space
- MAIN PROBLEM: the geometry is singular!
- However, it is possible to overcome this situation:  
we are able to provide a completely regular spacetime for reasonable energy distributions ( $m(0) = 0, m'(x) > 0$ )
- The shell-crossing (soft) singularity is still present
- The surface  $x = 0$  and  $r = 0$  might be problematic...  
(we are working on it)
- Each layer of dust has a positive infimum (bigger as we move outwards in the star)



LTB model (outline)



# Concluding Remarks

- Effective theory with quantum corrections  $\lambda$
- Vacuum solution: always free of singularities
- Charge and Cosmological constant:  $M > 0$ ,  $\Lambda \geq 0$ , and  $Q \downarrow$
- Minkowski is always a solution for any  $\lambda$
- We recover general relativity in the limit  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$
- Dynamical collapse (dust) free of curvature divergences

The effective theory provides an entirely regular description for any spherical astrophysical black hole.

First positive results in the literature.  
Covariance and matter

The effective corrections modify the whole spacetime, and also at large radii!