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Let M be a compact hyperbolizable 3-manifold. We construct open sets in the  $PSL(2, \mathbb{C})$  character variety on which the action of  $Out(\pi_1(M))$  is properly discontinuous. These open sets depend on the characteristic submanifold of M. This is joint work with Richard Canary and extends previous work by Canary-Storm. (Received August 29, 2011)