

Dark Energy Driven by the Cohen–Kaplan–Nelson Bound

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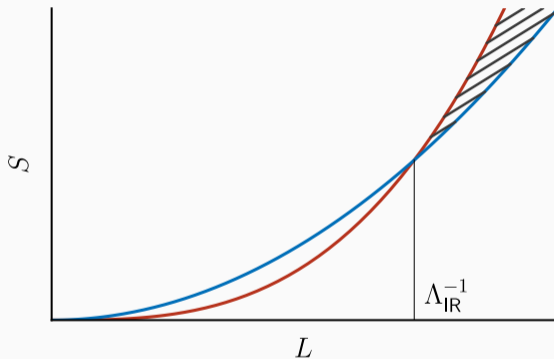
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Motivation

Bekenstein Bound

QFT
 $S_{\text{QFT}} \propto \Lambda_{\text{UV}}^3 L^3$

Black Hole
 $S_{\text{BH}} = \pi L^2 M_{\text{P}}^2$



$$\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^3 L^3 \lesssim \pi L^2 M_{\text{P}}^2 \Rightarrow \Lambda_{\text{IR}} \sim \Lambda_{\text{UV}}^3 \quad [\text{'t Hooft, '93; Susskind, '94}]$$

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Problem: Bekenstein bound contains states with $R_S \gg L_{\text{IR}}$

→ Low-energy states can turn into black hole

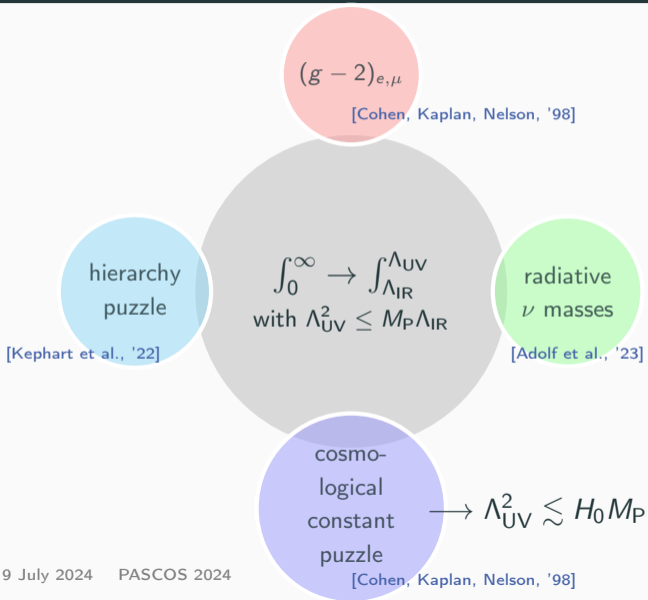
Cohen, Kaplan and Nelson propose stronger constraint excluding black hole states:

$$L_{\text{IR}} \geq R_S = \frac{M}{M_{\text{P}}^2} = \frac{\rho V}{M_{\text{P}}^2} = \frac{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^4 L_{\text{IR}}^3}{M_{\text{P}}^2}$$

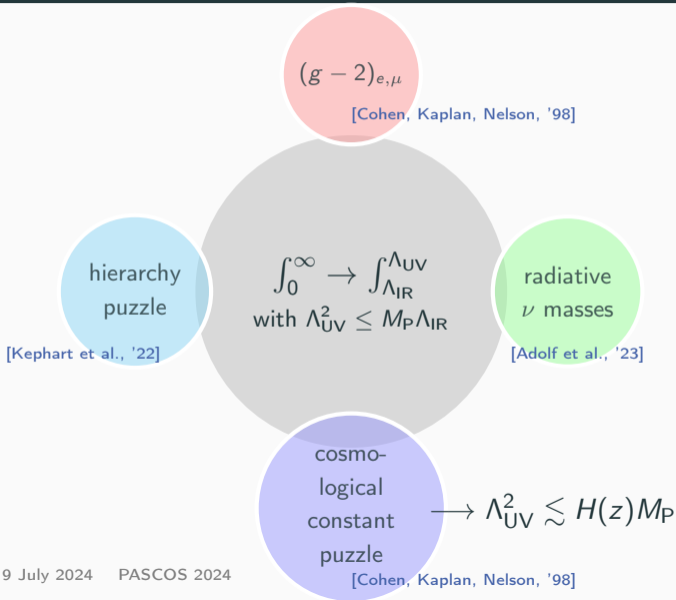
$$\Rightarrow \Lambda_{\text{UV}}^2 \leq \frac{M_{\text{P}}}{L_{\text{IR}}}$$

[Cohen, Kaplan, Nelson, '98]

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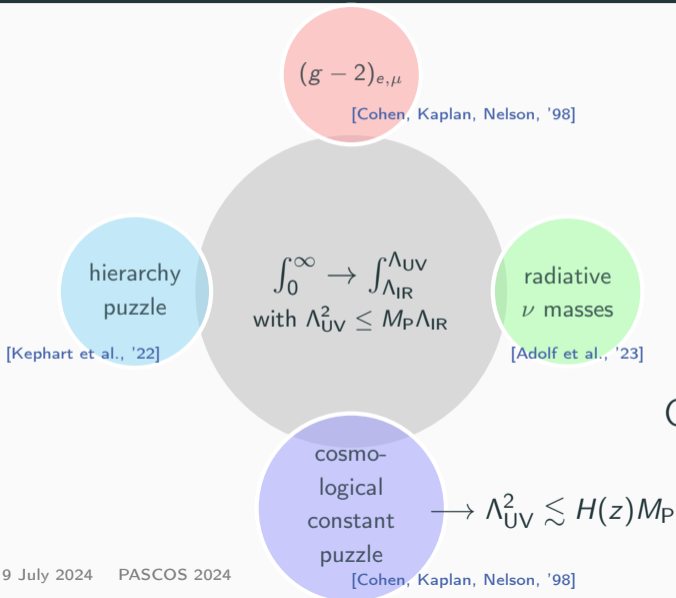
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Cohen–Kaplan–Nelson bound?

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Analysis and Results

DESI baryonic acoustic oscillations (BAO) combined with late universe constraints: [\[DESI, '24\]](#)

- Supernova distance datasets
 - DES-SN5YR (DESY5) [\[DES, '24\]](#)
 - Pantheon+ [\[Brout et al., '22\]](#)
- Model-independent Hubble parameter measurements [\[Favale et al., '24\]](#)

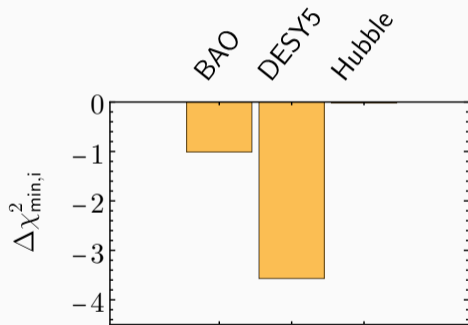
using χ^2 -statistics:

$$\chi^2 = \left(\vec{O}_{\text{th}}(\xi) - \vec{O}_{\text{exp}} \right)^T C^{-1} \left(\vec{O}_{\text{th}}(\xi) - \vec{O}_{\text{exp}} \right)$$

Results: CKN \leftrightarrow Λ CDM

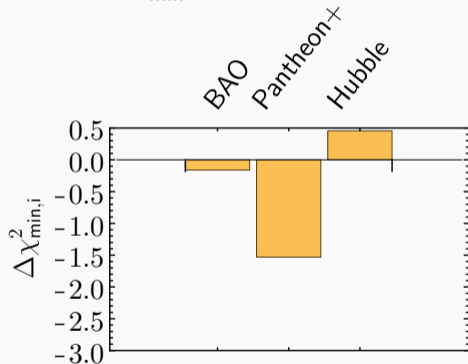
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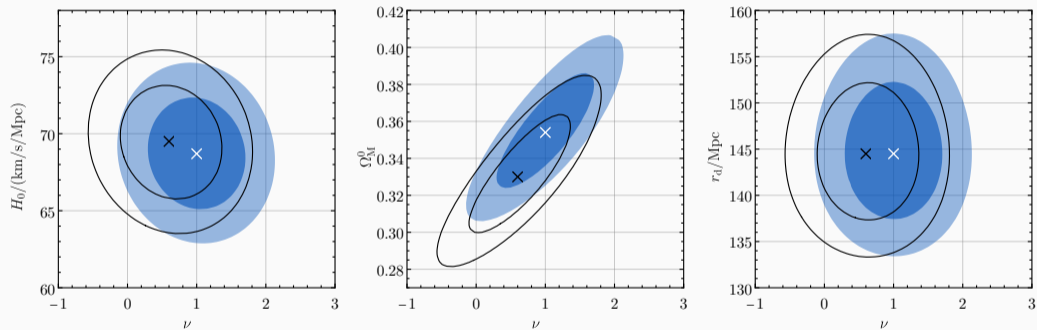
$$\chi_{\min}^{2,\text{CKN}}/\text{dof} = 1440/1632 \approx 0.88$$

$$\Delta\chi_{\min}^2 = -1.1 (1.1\sigma)$$



$$\Delta\chi_{\min}^2 = \chi_{\min}^{2,\text{CKN}} - \chi_{\min}^{2,\Lambda\text{CDM}}$$

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Models	DESI-5Y		Euclid		DESI-5Y + Euclid	
	Σ_{DESY5}	$\Sigma_{\text{Pantheon+}}$	Σ_{DESY5}	$\Sigma_{\text{Pantheon+}}$	Σ_{DESY5}	$\Sigma_{\text{Pantheon+}}$
νCKN with						
Λ CDM	-1.9σ	-1.0σ	-4.3σ	-3.1σ	-6.6σ	-4.4σ
$\omega_0\omega_a$ CDM	4.0σ	2.5σ	6.7σ	1.2σ	6.7σ	2.5σ

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- Performed a global analysis of the CKN model taking into account the recent DESI BAO data, supernova and Hubble data:
 - Preference over Λ CDM up to 2.1σ
 - Competes with other models of time-dependent dark energy
- Rough estimation of near future projections shows that one will already be able to distinguish between different models with the upcoming data releases

Outlook

- Incorporate data from early universe, e.g. power spectra and lensing information from CMB measurements and big bang nucleosynthesis data