

# Radiative neutrino masses and the Cohen–Kaplan–Nelson bound

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## Outline

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**Summary**

## Bekenstein bound

- QFT: Box with size  $L$  and energy cutoff  $\Lambda_{UV}$ , entropy  $S_{QFT} \sim \Lambda_{UV}^3 L^3$
- Black hole: Entropy  $S_{BH} \equiv \pi L^2 M_P^2$
- For any fixed energy  $\Lambda_{UV}$ ,  $S_{QFT}$  outruns  $S_{BH}$  by increasing  $L$ 
  - Over-count degrees of freedom 't Hooft '93, Susskind '94
- Take Bekenstein bound as fixed limit:
  - $L^3 \Lambda_{UV}^3 \lesssim \pi L^2 M_P^2$
- New (IR) cutoff  $L$ 
  - $L$  is not independent of  $\Lambda_{UV}$ , since it has to scale as  $L \sim \Lambda_{UV}^{-3}$

A. Cohen, D. Kaplan, A. Nelson, PRL (1999), arxiv: hep-th/9803132

## Cohen–Kaplan–Nelson bound

- Problem: Bekenstein bound contains states with  $R_S \gg L$ 
  - Also low-energy states can turn into black holes
- Cohen, Kaplan, Nelson propose stronger constraint excluding black hole states

$$R_S \leq L$$
$$\rightarrow L \leq \frac{M_P}{\Lambda_{UV}^2}$$

- Always satisfies Bekenstein bound as  $S_{\max} \approx S_{\text{BH}}^{3/4}$
- Possible energy range of EFTs from  $\Lambda_{\text{IR}} = 1/L$  to  $\Lambda_{\text{UV}}$

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## Applications in the literature

- CKN bound introduces momentum cutoffs:

$$\int_0^\infty dl \frac{l^3}{(l^2 + \Delta)^3} \rightarrow \int_{\frac{1}{L}}^{\Lambda_{UV}} dl \frac{l^3}{(l^2 + \Delta)^3}$$

- Magnetic moment of the electron and muon [Cohen, Kaplan, Nelson, PRL '99, Cohen, Kaplan '21](#)
  - Minimal expected correction to electron magnetic moment is just one order of magnitude smaller than experimental uncertainties
- Hierarchy problem and causal diamonds [Kephart, Päs '22](#)
- Cosmological constant problem [Cohen, Kaplan, Nelson, PRL '99](#)

## Dark energy density and the CKN bound

- Quantum corrections to the dark energy density scale as  $\sim \Lambda_{UV}^4$  Weinberg, RMP '89
  - taking  $M_P$  as  $\Lambda_{UV}$  → many orders of magnitude larger than measurements
- CKN propose Hubble length as IR cutoff:

$$L = 1/H \rightarrow \rho_{DE} \sim (10^{-3} \text{ eV})^4$$

- matches dark energy density today
- Interesting consequence:  $H = H(z) \rightarrow \rho_{DE} = \rho_{DE}(z)$
- DESI collaboration finds up to  $3.9\sigma$  preference for time-dependent dark energy model over the  $\Lambda$ CDM DESI collab. '24

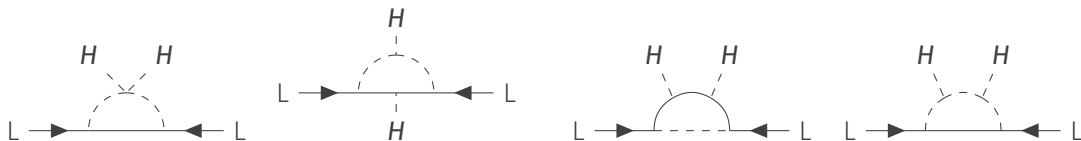
## Dark energy density and the CKN bound

- CKN setup:  $\rho_{\text{DE}}(z) = \Lambda_0 + v \frac{M_{\text{P}}^2 H(z)^2}{16\pi^2}$
  - Using Freedman equation and 0th component of Energy-Momentum-Tensor leads to:
  - $\Omega_{\Lambda}(z) = \Omega_{\Lambda}^0 + \Omega_{\text{M}}^0 \frac{v}{6\pi - v} \left[ (1+z)^{3 - \frac{v}{2\pi}} - 1 \right]$
  - Performing a best-fit by using Supernova data, DESI BAO data and Hubble measurements:
- $$H_0 = 68.69 \pm 2.39 \text{ (} 69.24 \pm 2.41 \text{) km/(Mpc s)}$$
- $$\Omega_{\text{M}}^0 = 0.354 \pm 0.012 \text{ (} 0.344 \pm 0.012 \text{)}$$
- Fits data better than  $\Lambda$ CDM model with  $\Delta\chi^2 = -4.6$

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## Radiative neutrino mass models and CKN bound

- Impact on the lowest order of mass generation
- All genuine 1-loop neutrino models can be categorized into four different topologies:

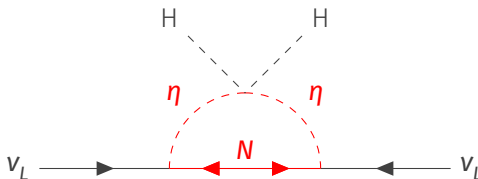


- One model of every topology: **Scotogenic model**, Zee model, inverse Scotogenic model, ScotoSinglet model

C. Arbeláez et al., JHEP 08 (2022), arXiv: 2205. 13063 [hep-ph]



## Scotogenic Model



- Simplest version: Extend SM by **new scalar doublet  $\eta$** , **singlet fermions  $N_i$**  and  $Z_2$  symmetry  $\rightarrow$  provides dark matter candidate
- Fermion Lagrangian:

$$L_N \supset h_{ij} (v_i \eta^0 - l_i \eta^+) N_j + \frac{1}{2} M_i N_i N_i + \text{h. c.} \quad (1)$$

- Scalar Potential:

$$V \supset \frac{\lambda_5}{2} [(H^\dagger \eta)^2 + (\eta^\dagger H)^2] \quad (2)$$

E. Ma, PRD 73 (2006), arXiv: hep-ph/0601225

Z. Tao, PRD 54 (1996), arXiv: hep-ph/9603309

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## Scotogenic Model

- Consider limit  $m_R^2 - m_I^2 = \lambda_5 v^2 \ll m_0^2 = \frac{m_R^2 + m_I^2}{2}$  to reduce number of free parameters
- CKN bound changes the integral

$$(M_\nu)_{ij} \approx \frac{\lambda_5 v^2}{32\pi^2} \sum_k h_{ik} h_{jk} I_{0,\text{scoto}}(M_k, m_0) \rightarrow (M_\nu)_{ij} \approx \frac{\lambda_5 v^2}{32\pi^2} \sum_k h_{ik} h_{jk} I_{\text{ckn},\text{scoto}}(M_k, m_0, \Lambda_{\text{UV}}, \Lambda_{\text{IR}}(\Lambda_{\text{UV}}))$$

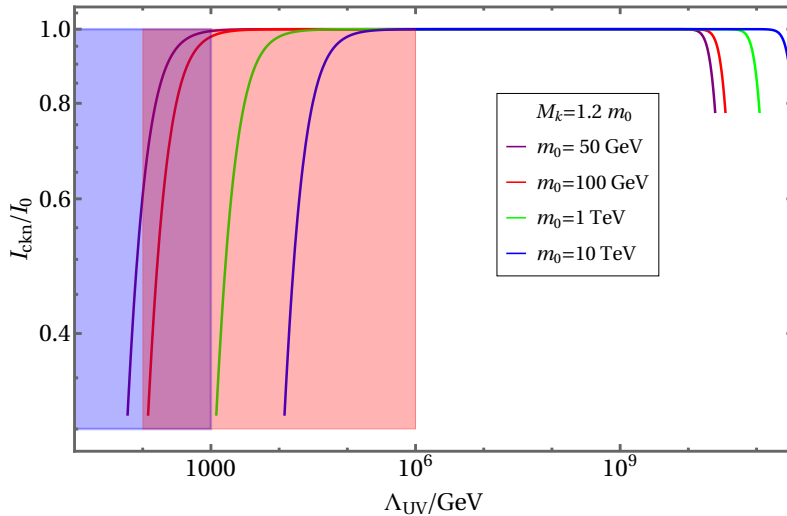
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with

$$I_{0,\text{scoto}}(M_k, m_0) = \frac{M_k}{m_0^2 - M_k^2} \left( 1 - \frac{M_k^2}{m_0^2 - M_k^2} \ln \left( \frac{m_0^2}{M_k^2} \right) \right)$$

$$I_{\text{ckn},\text{scoto}}(M_k, m_0, \Lambda_{\text{UV}}, \Lambda_{\text{IR}}(\Lambda_{\text{UV}})) = \frac{M_k}{m_0^2 - M_k^2} \left( -\frac{m_0^2(\Lambda_{\text{IR}}^2 - \Lambda_{\text{UV}}^2)}{(m_0^2 + \Lambda_{\text{IR}}^2)(m_0^2 + \Lambda_{\text{UV}}^2)} + \frac{M_k^2}{m_0^2 - M_k^2} \ln \left( \frac{(m_0^2 + \Lambda_{\text{UV}}^2)(M_k^2 + \Lambda_{\text{IR}}^2)}{(m_0^2 + \Lambda_{\text{IR}}^2)(M_k^2 + \Lambda_{\text{UV}}^2)} \right) \right)$$

## Scotogenic Model



## Summary

- CKN bound imposes momentum cutoffs relevant for loop calculations
- Using the Hubble length as IR cutoff a time-dependent dark energy model can be constructed matching new DESI measurements
- In case of the four radiative neutrino mass models the parameter space changes
- Choice of  $\Lambda_{UV}$  still unknown
- Cutoffs are only meant to indicate the range in which QFT can be applied without considering also the influence of gravity