

# Constraining the cosmological parameters with reverberation-measured quasars

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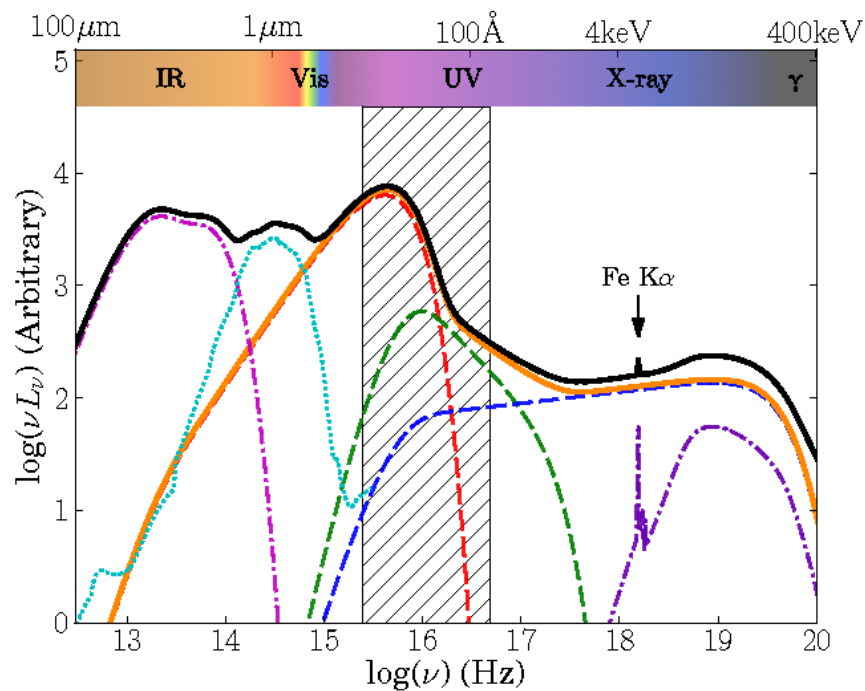
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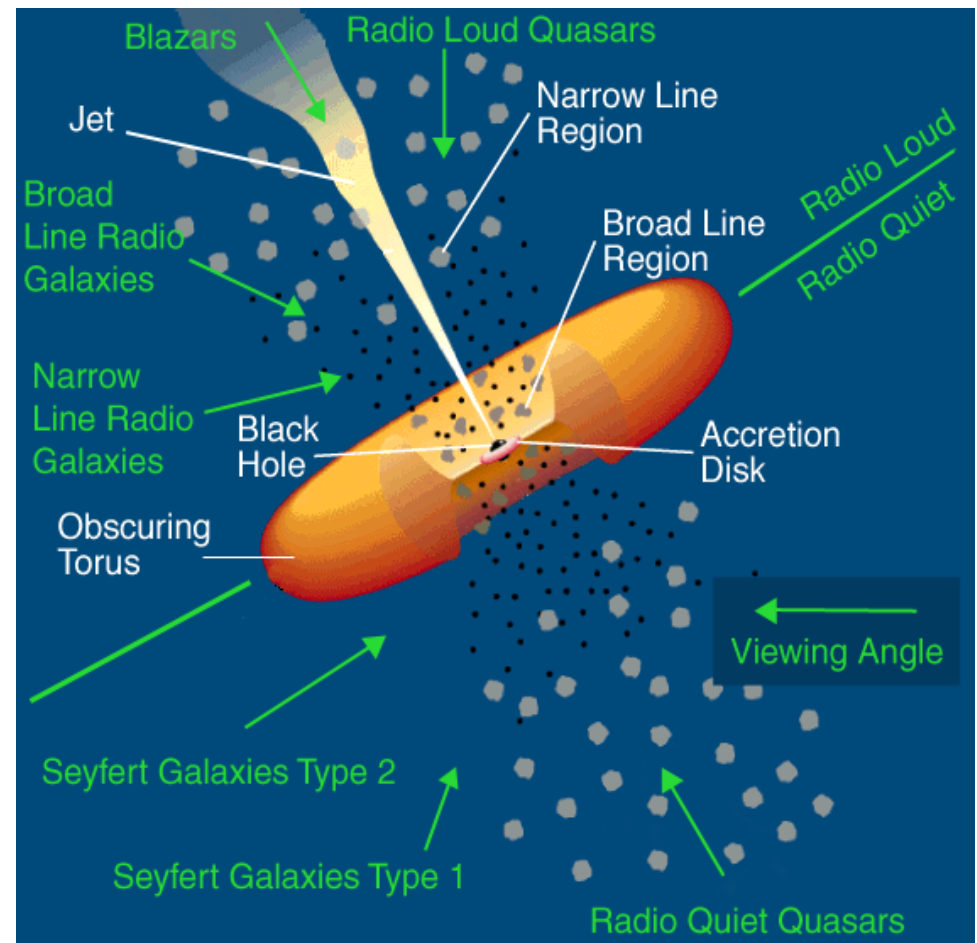


# Active Galactic Nuclei



- Accretion disc
- Soft X-ray excess
- Coronal power-law
- AGN intrinsic
- Reflection
- Dusty torus
- Elliptical galaxy
- Total SED

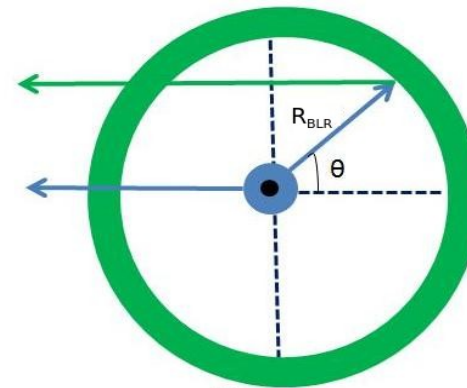
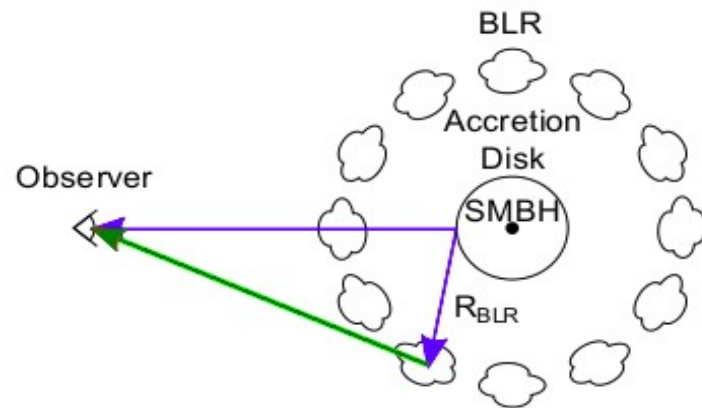
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# Reverberation mapping

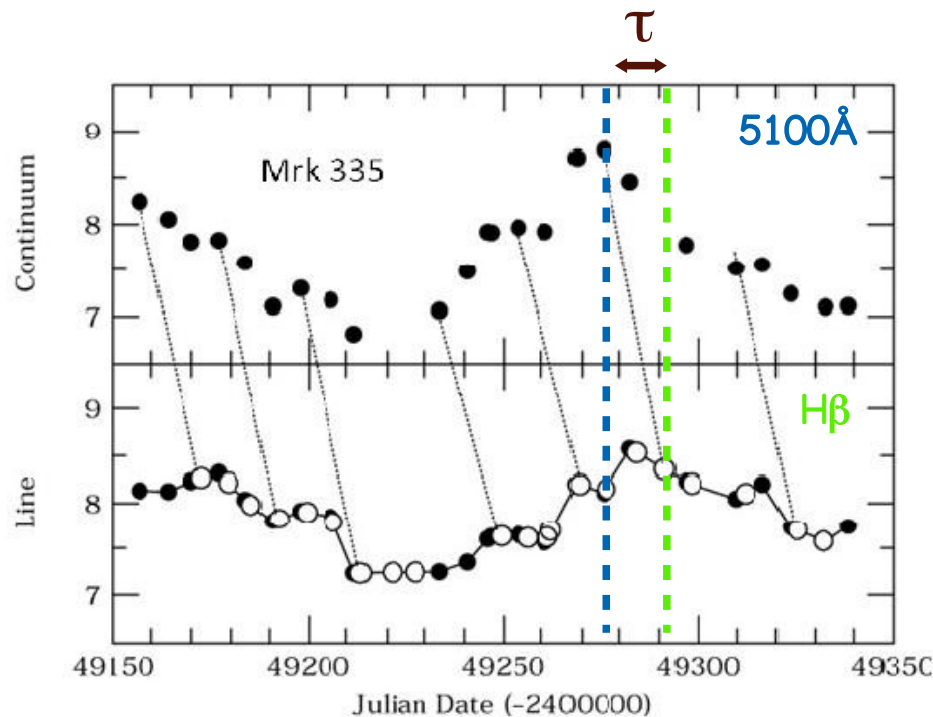
Reverberation mapping measures the time delay ( $\tau$ ) between the variability of the continuum source and the variability of the BLR.



$\tau$  : Time delay

$$R_{BLR} = c \cdot \tau$$

Light  
curves

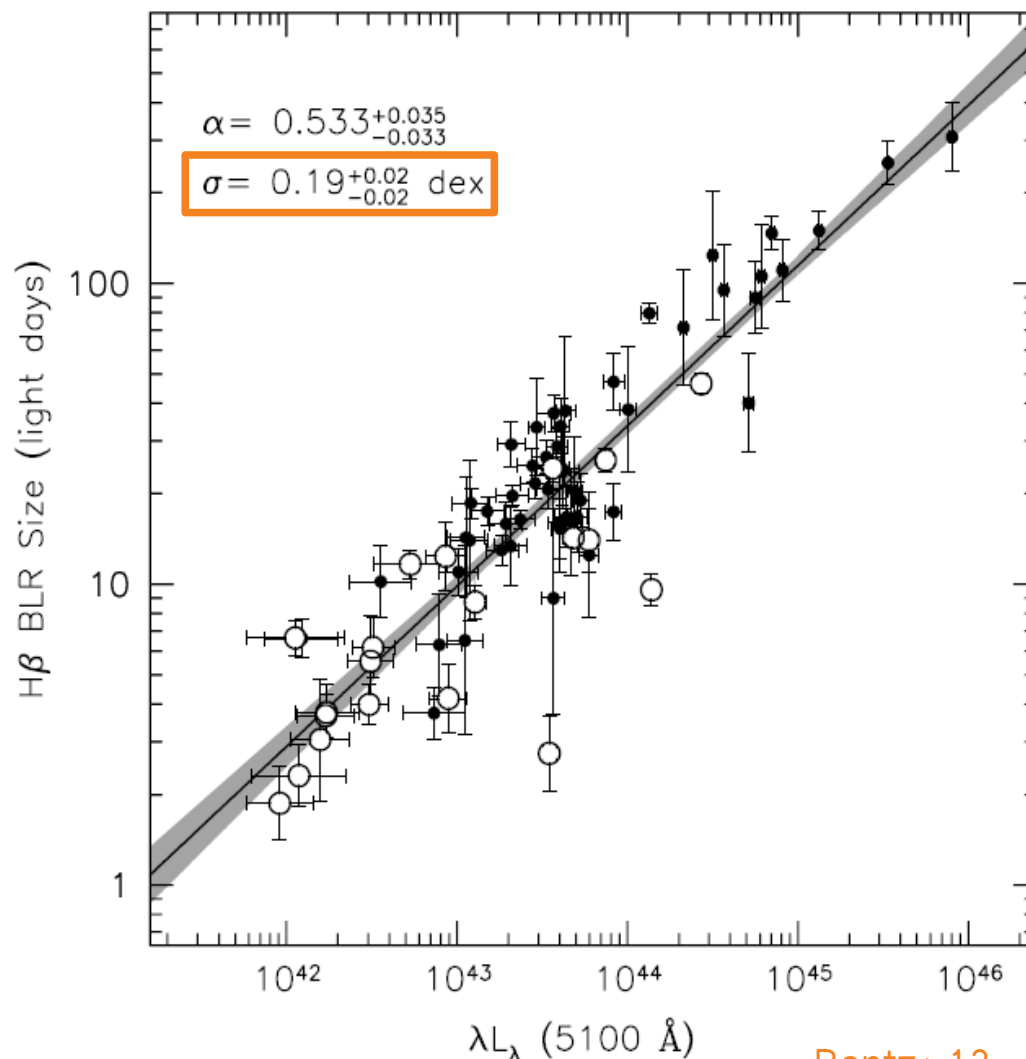


# Radius-Luminosity relation

$$R_{\text{BLR}} = c \cdot \tau$$



$$\log \left( \frac{R_{\text{BLR}}}{1 \text{ lt-day}} \right) = (1.527 \pm 0.31) + 0.533^{+0.035}_{-0.033} \log \left( \frac{L_{5100}}{10^{44} L_{\odot}} \right)$$



Obtaining the  $R_{\text{BLR}}$ , we can estimate the black hole mass:

$$M_{\text{BH}} = f_{\text{BLR}} \frac{R_{\text{BLR}} v^2}{G}$$

$G$  : Gravitational constant

$R_{\text{BLR}}$  : size of the BLR

$f_{\text{BLR}}$  : virial factor,  $\sim 1$

Orientation effect  $f_{\text{BLR}}^c = \left( \frac{\text{FWHM}_{\text{obs}}}{4550} \right)^{-1.17}$

And the accretion parameters:

– Adimensionless accretion rate:

$$\dot{M} = 20.1 \left( \frac{l_{44}}{\cos i} \right)^{3/2} m_7^{-2}$$

– Eddington ratio

$$L_{\text{bol}}/L_{\text{Edd}}$$

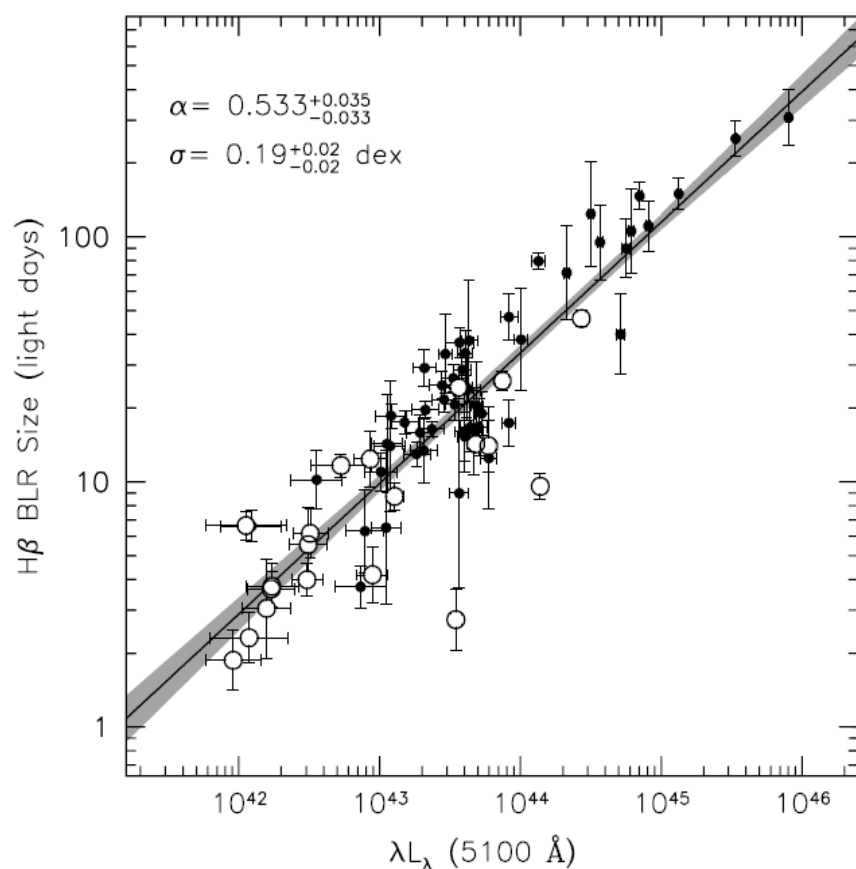
$$L_{\text{bol}} = \text{BC} \cdot L_{5100}, \text{BC} = 10.33$$

$$L_{\text{Edd}} = 1.5 \times 10^{38} \left( \frac{M_{\text{BH}}}{M_{\odot}} \right)$$

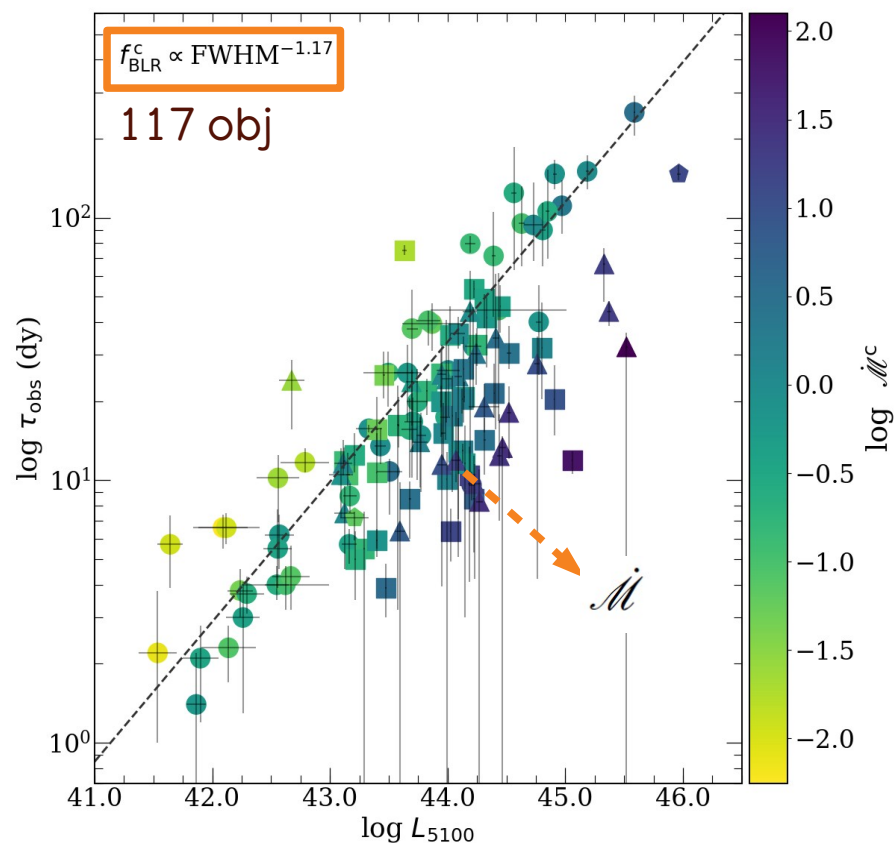
# Increasing the sample

The inclusion of new sources (Du+ 15,16,18, Grier+17) increases the scattering in the RL relation, and the departures from it seems to be related with the accretion rate (Du+15,16,18).

117 objects  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0.02 < z < 0.89 \\ 41.5 < \log L_{5100} < 45.9 \\ 0.005 < \dot{M}^c < 778.79 \end{array} \right.$   
 SDSS-RM  
 SEAMBH  
 Bentz collection



Bentz+ 13

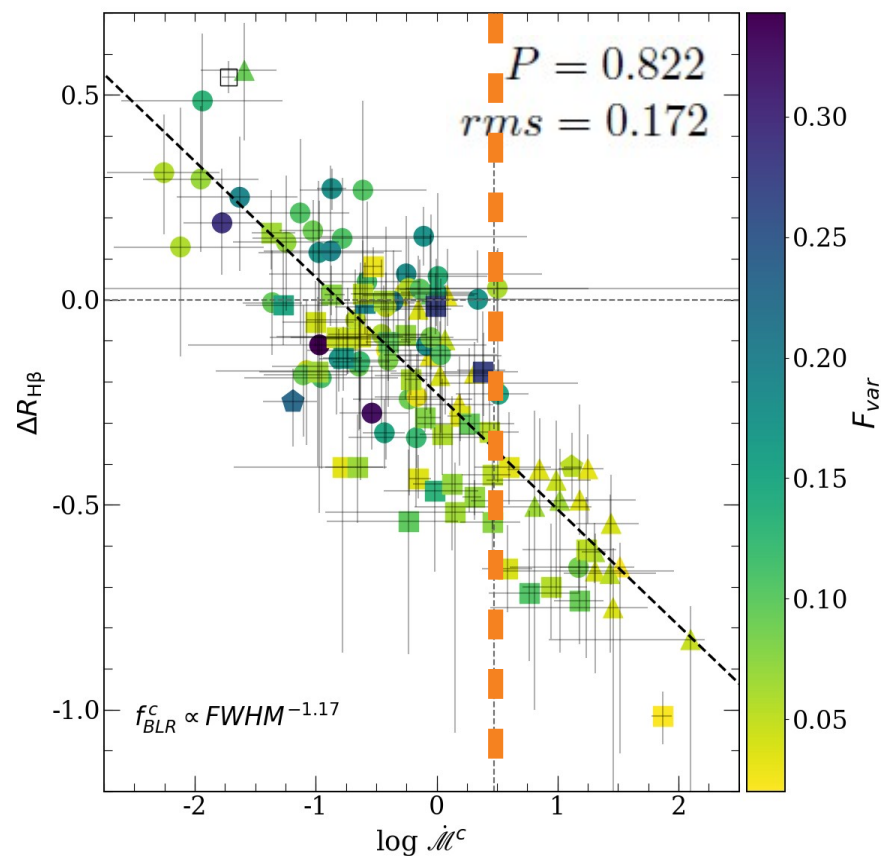
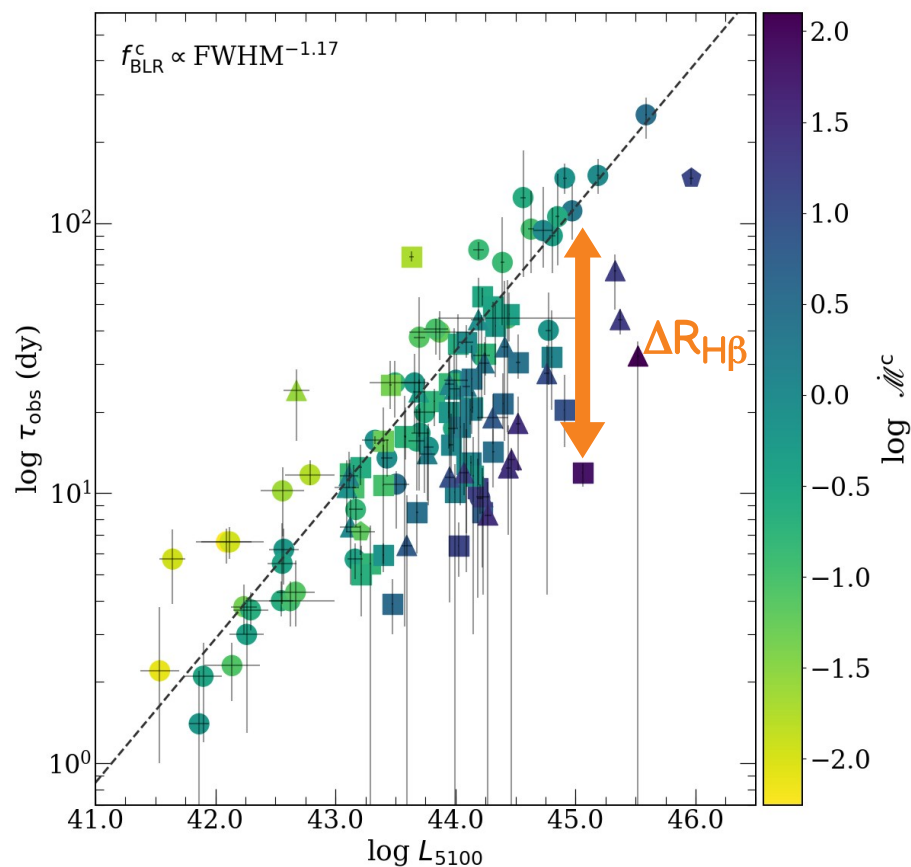


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# Departures from the RL relation

$$\Delta R_{H\beta} = \log \left( \frac{R_{H\beta}}{R_{H\beta_{R-L}}} \right) = \log \left( \frac{\tau_{\text{obs}}}{\tau_{H\beta_{R-L}}} \right)$$

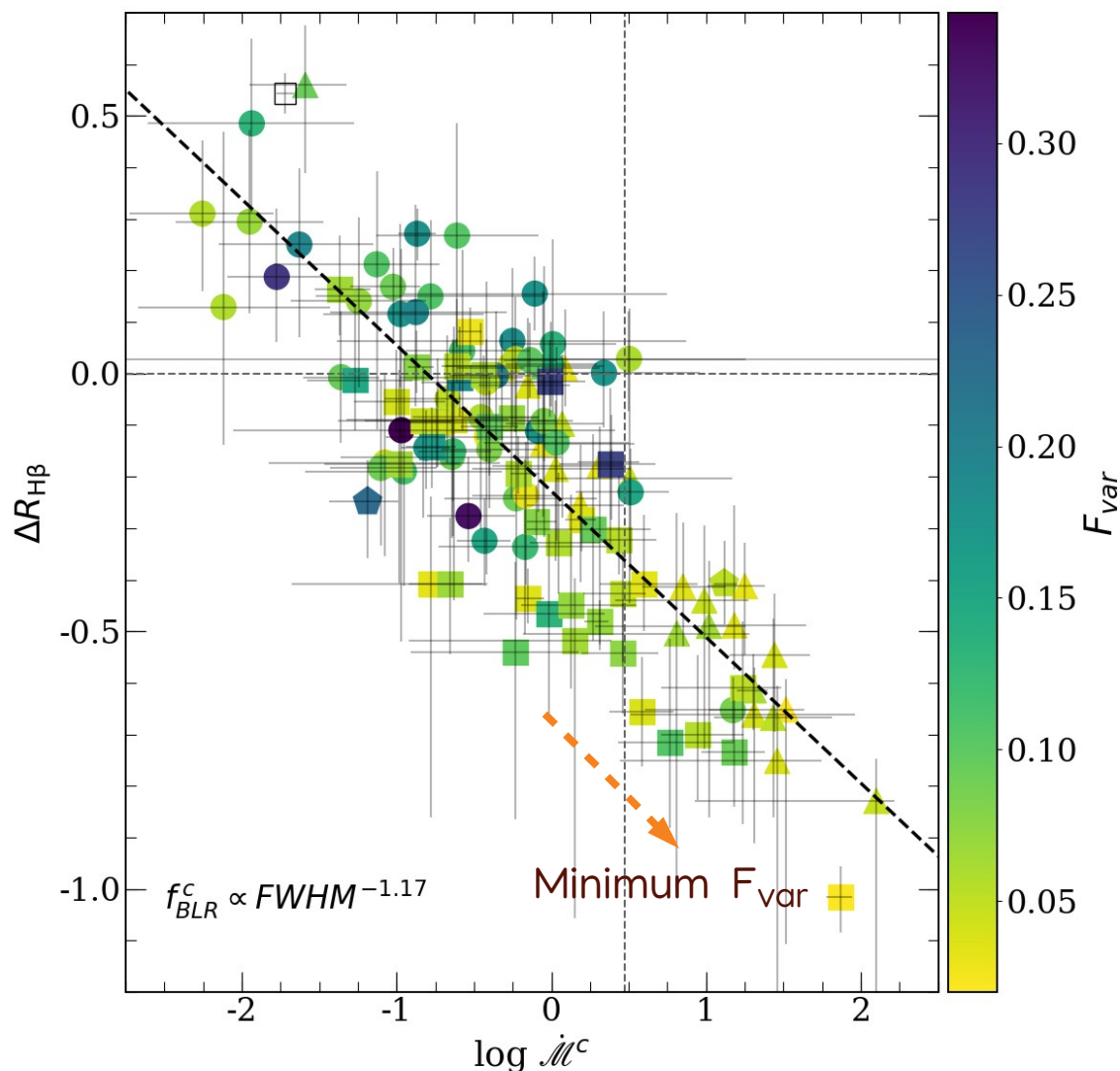
(Du+ 15,16,18)



$$\Delta R_{H\beta, \dot{M}^c} = (-0.283 \pm 0.017) \log \dot{M}^c + (-0.228 \pm 0.016)$$

# Variability

From the light curves is possible to estimate the parameter  $F_{\text{var}}$ , which measures the *rms* of the intrinsic variability relative to the mean flux.



$$F_{\text{var}} = \frac{(\sigma^2 - \Delta^2)^{1/2}}{\langle f \rangle}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{1-N} \sum_{i=1}^N (f_i - \langle f \rangle)^2$$

$$\Delta^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \Delta_i^2$$

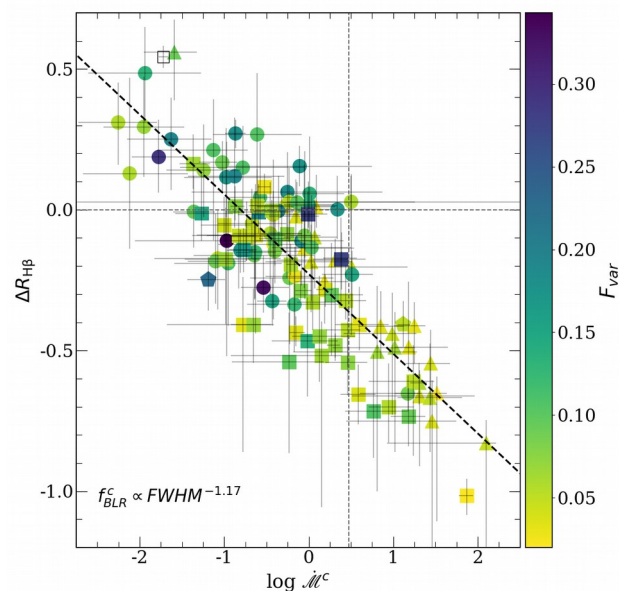
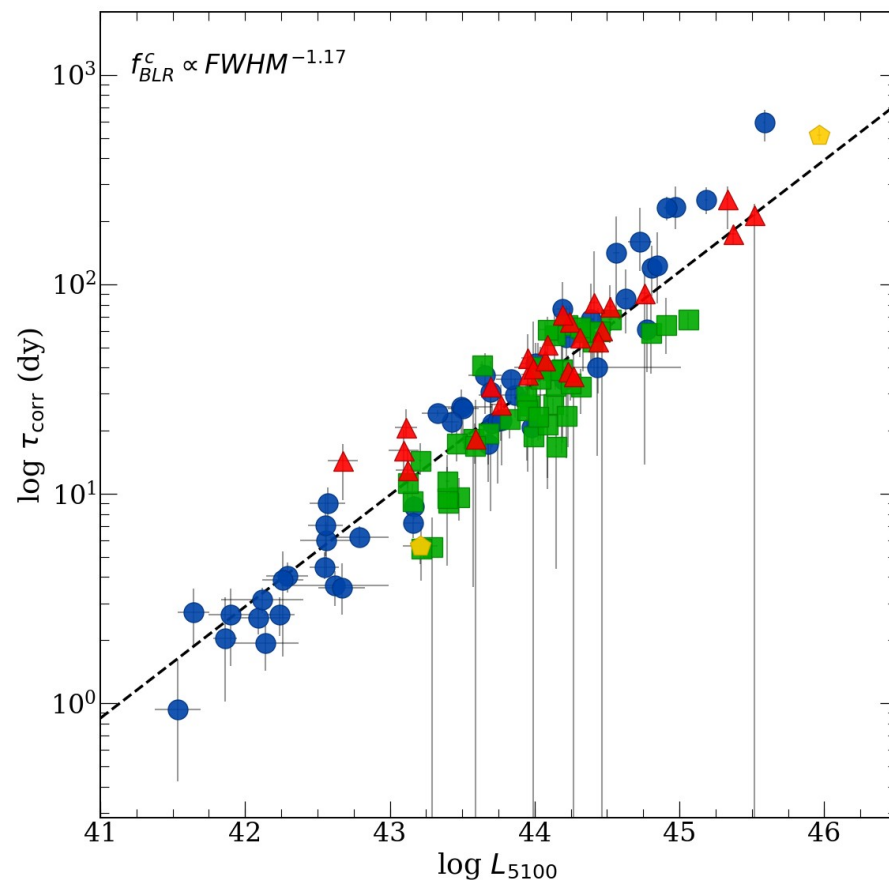
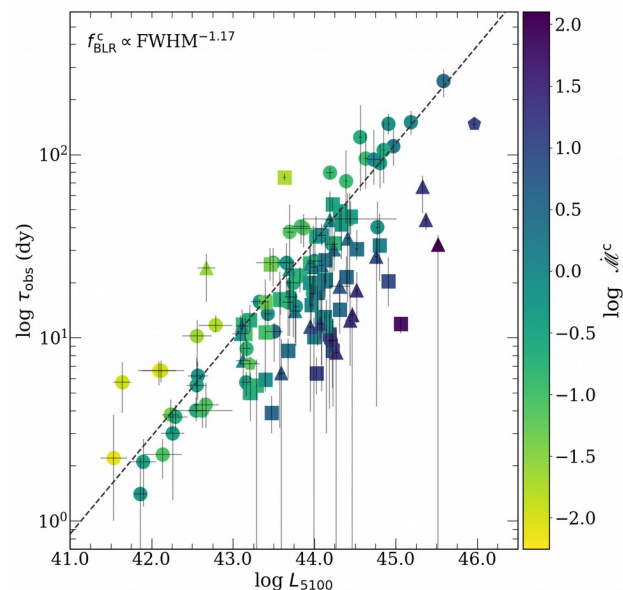
$$\langle f \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f_i$$

(Rodríguez-Pascual+ 97)

$F_{\text{var}}$  seems to be anti-correlated with the dimensionless accretion rate,  $\dot{M}^c$ .

# Times delay corrected by the accretion rate effect

$$\tau_{\text{corr}}(\dot{\mathcal{M}}^c) = 10^{-\Delta R_{\text{H}\beta}(\dot{\mathcal{M}}^c)} \cdot \tau_{\text{obs}}$$



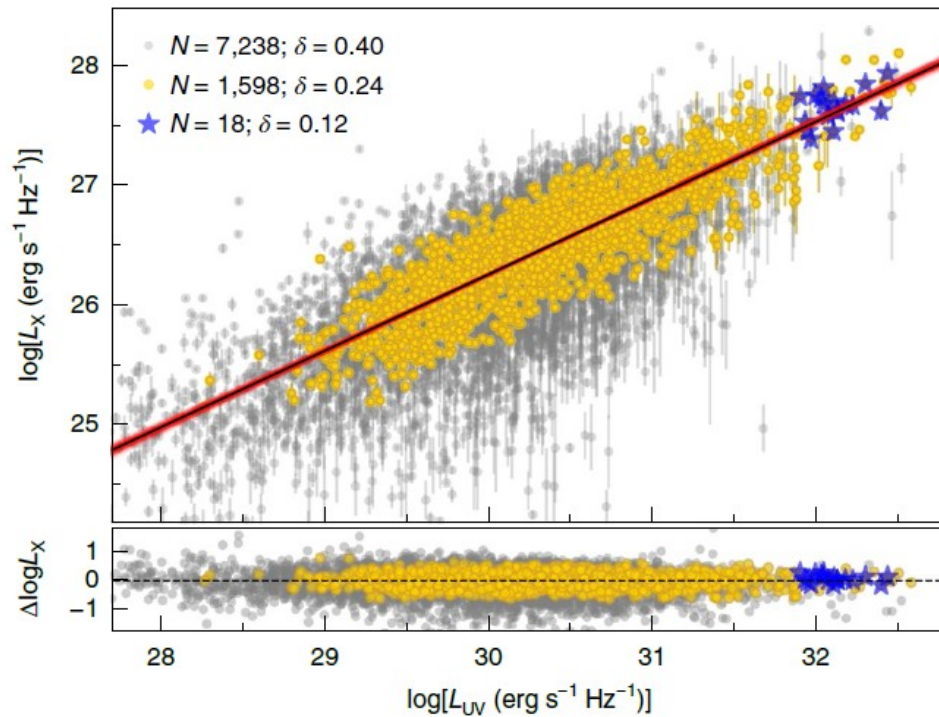
Recovering the expected values, we are in a strong position to use the information provided by the RL with cosmological purposes.

# QSO & Cosmology

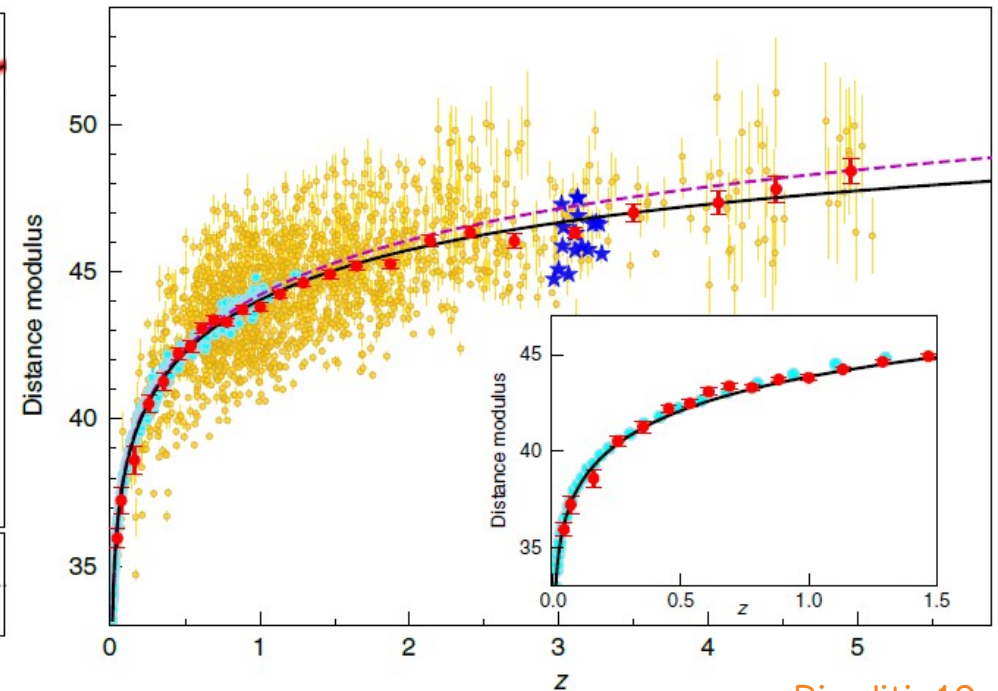
- SN1A has been observed in a low redshift range,  $z \sim 1.4$
- QSO are among the brightest objects observed in a large redshift range ( $z \sim 7$ , Mortlock+, 11).

Sources	Parameters	Basic equation	Reference	Virial
extremely accreting quasars (xA)	Hard X-ray slope, velocity dispersion	$\mathcal{D}_\bullet = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \left[ \frac{l_0 (1 + a \ln \dot{m}_{15}) f_{\text{BLR}} R_0}{G \kappa_B} \right]^{1/2(1-\alpha)} \frac{V_{\text{FWHM}}^{1/(1-\alpha)}}{F_{\text{X-ray}}^{1/2}}$	Wang et al.2013	V
extremely accreting quasars (xA)	virial velocity dispersion: FWHM(H $\beta$ ) Eddington ratio = const	$L \propto \text{FWHM}(\text{H}\beta)^4$	Marziani & Sulentic 2014	V
general quasar populations	X-ray variability, velocity dispersion	$\log \frac{L}{\text{erg s}^{-1}} + 4 \log \frac{\text{FWHM}}{10^3 \text{ km s}^{-1}} = \alpha \log \sigma_{\text{rms}}^2 + \beta,$	La Franca et al. 2014	V
mainly quasars at $z < 1$	Reverberation mapping time delay $\tau$	$\tau/\sqrt{F} \propto d_L$	Watson et al 2011, 2013; Czerny et al.	
general quasar populations	non linear relation between soft X and UV	$\log(F_X) = \Phi(F_{\text{UV}}, D_L)$ $= \beta' + \gamma \log(F_{\text{UV}}) + 2(\gamma - 1)\log(D_L),$	Risalti & Lusso 2016	

# QSO & Cosmology: The case of the $L_X$ - $L_{UV}$ relation



Hubble diagram

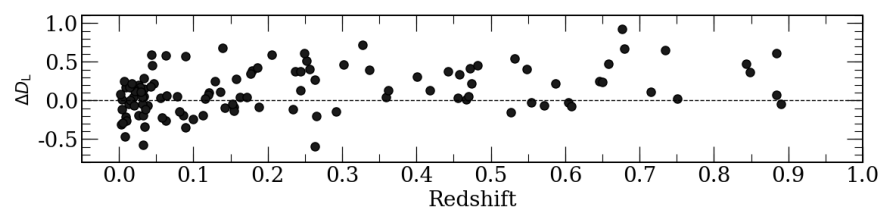
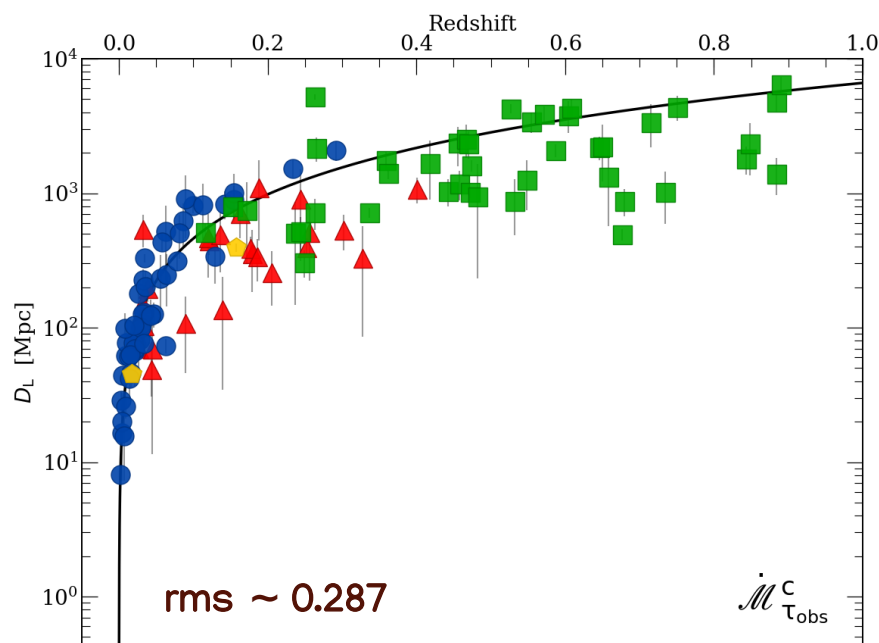


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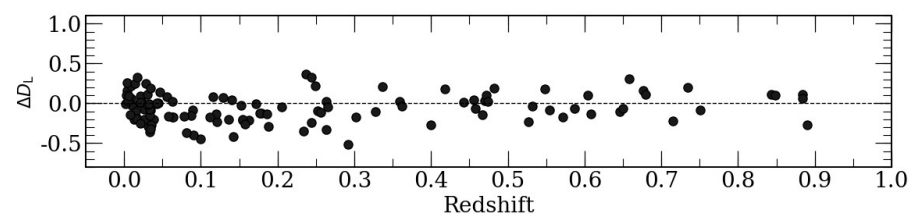
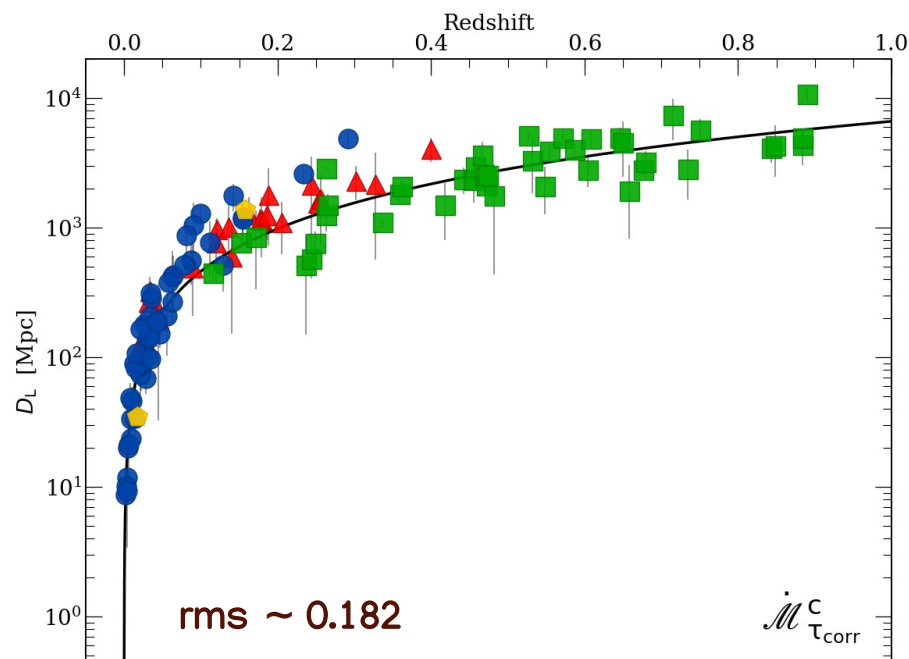
# QSO & cosmology: reverberated-measured QSO

Considering the time delays corrected and the flux of  $H\beta$ , we can determine the luminosity at 5100Å and after the luminosity distance ( $D_L$ ).

$$\log \left( \frac{R_{\text{BLR}}}{1 \text{ lt-day}} \right) = (1.527 \pm 0.31) + 0.533^{+0.035}_{-0.033} \log \left( \frac{L_{5100}}{10^{44} L_{\odot}} \right) \quad D_L = \left( \frac{L_{5100}}{4 \pi F_{5100}} \right)^{1/2}$$



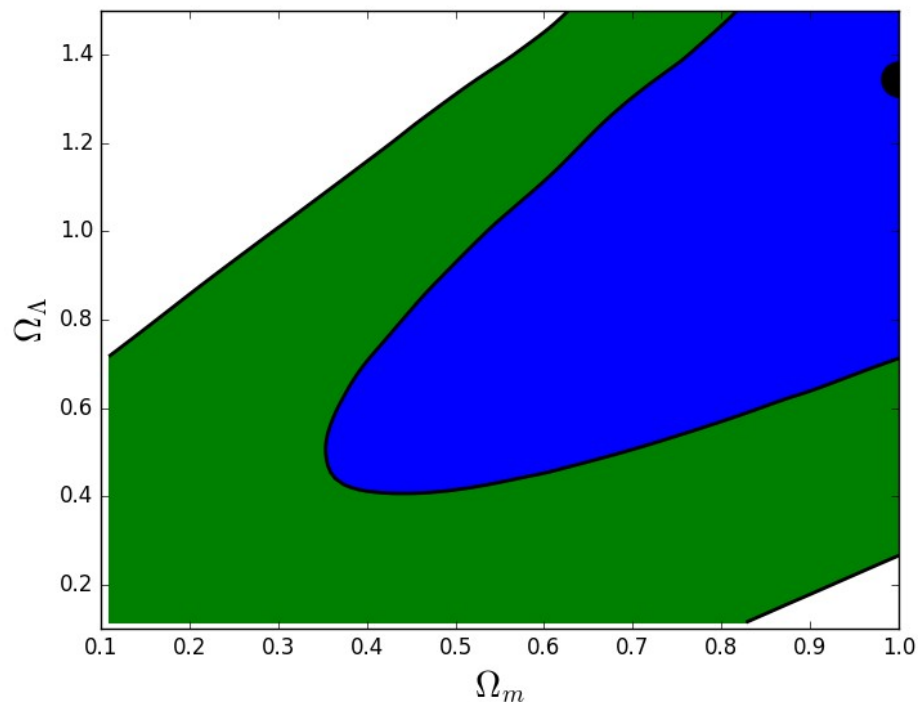
Before  $\dot{M}^c$  correction



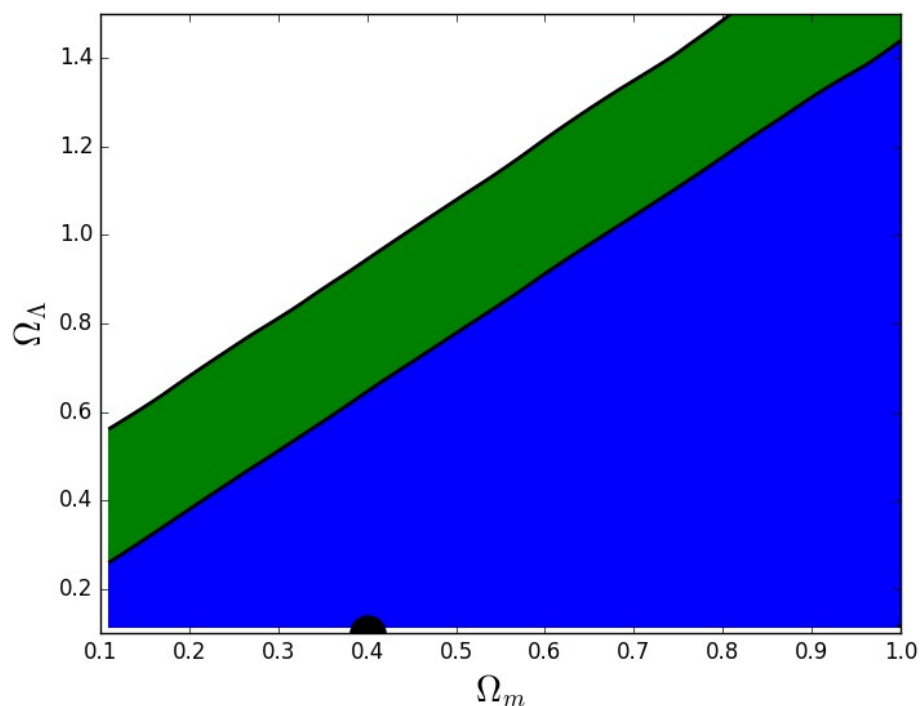
After  $\dot{M}^c$  correction

# Cosmological parameters

We are able to estimate the cosmological parameters  $\Omega_m$  and  $\Omega_\Lambda$ , which are consistent with the standard values ( **$2\sigma$  confidence levels**). However, errors are so large and new samples are needed, e.g. SDSS-RM and Oz-DES survey (King+ 15).



117 objects



Object with  $z > 0.4$   
~30 objects

# Summary

- Time delay is affected by the accretion parameters and a correction is needed in order to recover the classical RL relation.
- Variability is anti-correlated with the accretion parameters.
- These results support the idea that *accretion rate is the main driver* in the physical properties of QSO.
- RM results can be used in the future to constrain cosmological models, however it is necessary:
  - A better understanding of the physics of AGN
  - Analyze the light curves with the same method
  - Enlarge the sample; new RM-SDSS data will be published soon
  - Apply a multivariable or Bayesian analysis in the statistical analysis.