





Quasar Cosmology and tensions with cosmological probes

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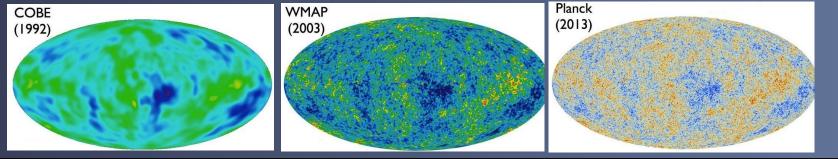
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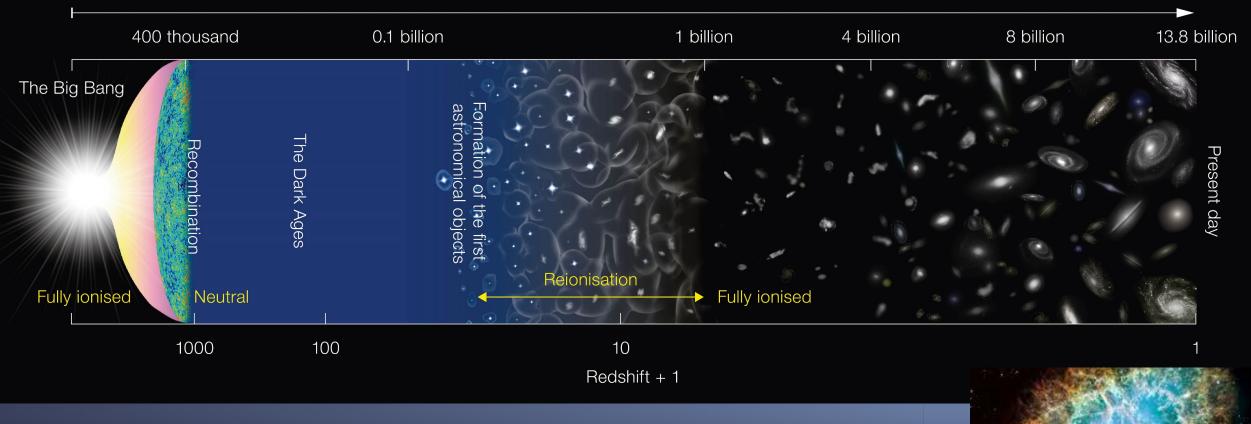
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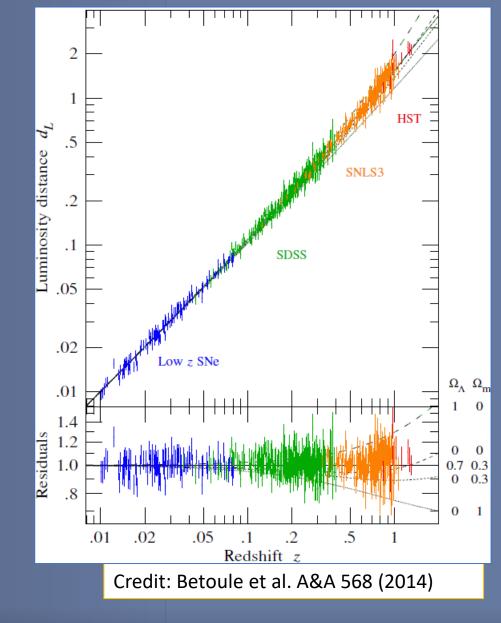
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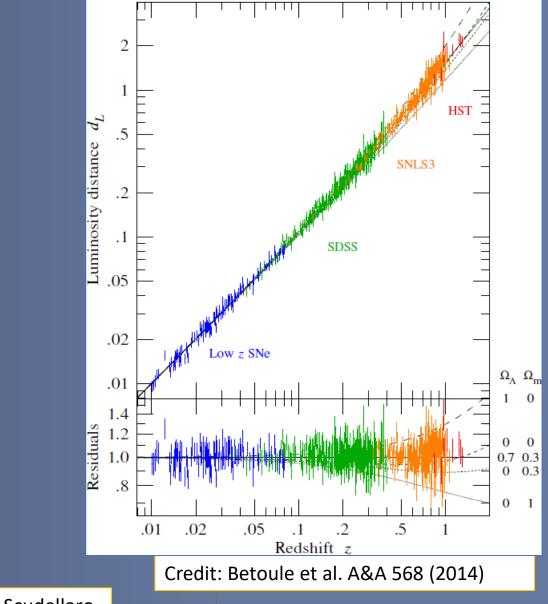
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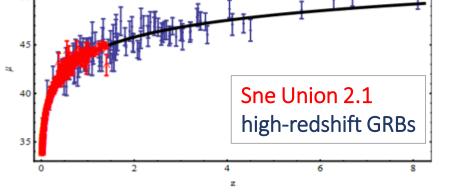


Years after the Big Bang





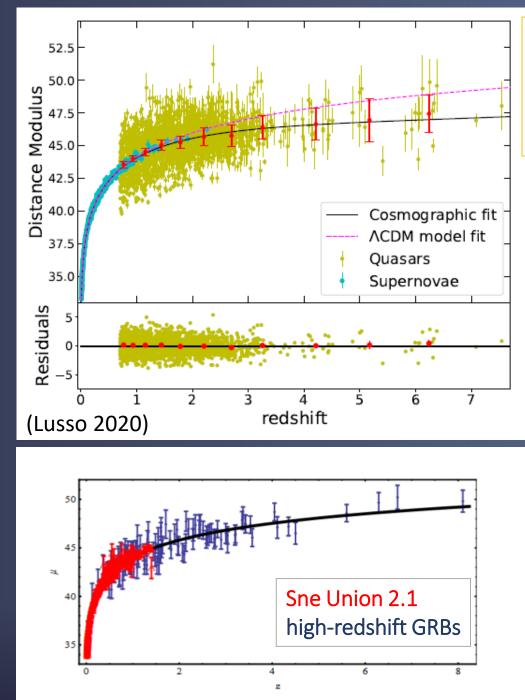




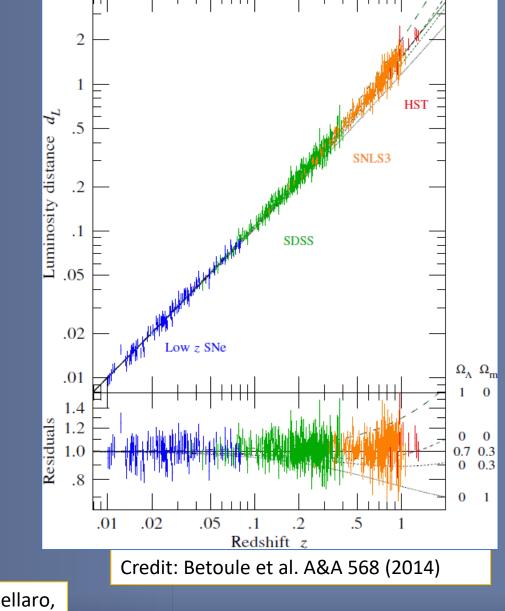
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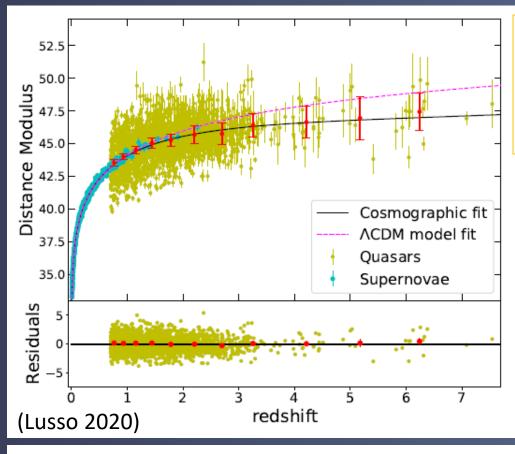


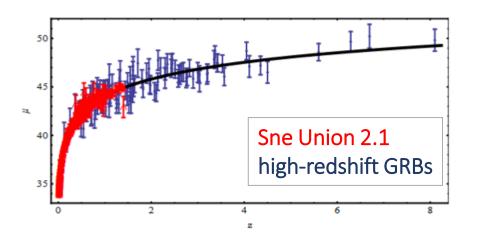
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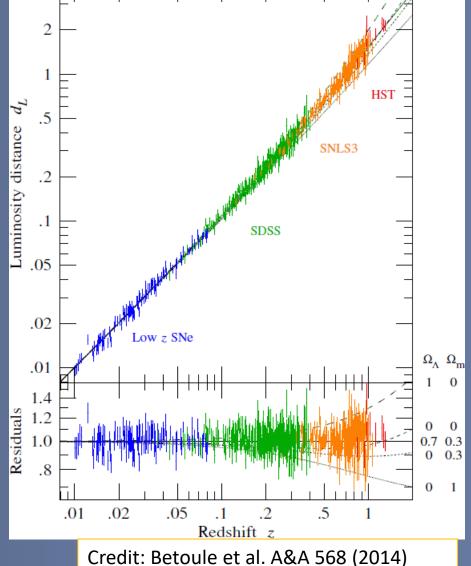


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QSOs as standard candles

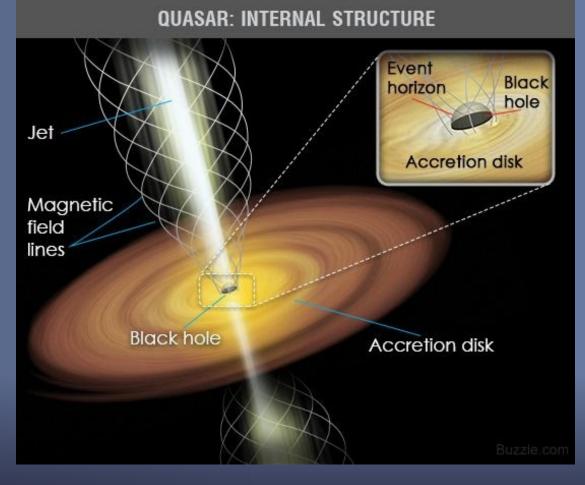
 QuasiStellar radio sources, are Active Galactic Nuclei with integrated luminosities of 10⁴⁴⁻ 48 erg/s over the ultra-violet (UV) to the X-ray energy range.

The UV emission are roughly 90% of the quasar bolometric budget.

The X-rays are originate in a hot plasma of relativistic electrons, that Compton up-scatter photons coming from the disk.

The UV and X-ray fluxes obey to non-linear

Luv at the rest frame 2500 Å $L_X \propto L_{IIV}^{\gamma}$ Luv at the rest frame 2500 Lx at the rest frame 2500



QSO as standard candles is based on two key points:

I- the LX-LUV relation is due to an observational issue: exist an unknown physical mechanism that links the emission from the accretion disc with that from the X-ray emitting corona

2- the slope of the LX-LUV relation does not evolve with redshift Steffen+2006, Just+2007; Lusso+2010; Risaliti+2015, Lusso+2016, Risaliti+2019, Lusso+2019, Lusso+2020; Bargiacchi+2021, Bisogni+2021; Dainotti+2022

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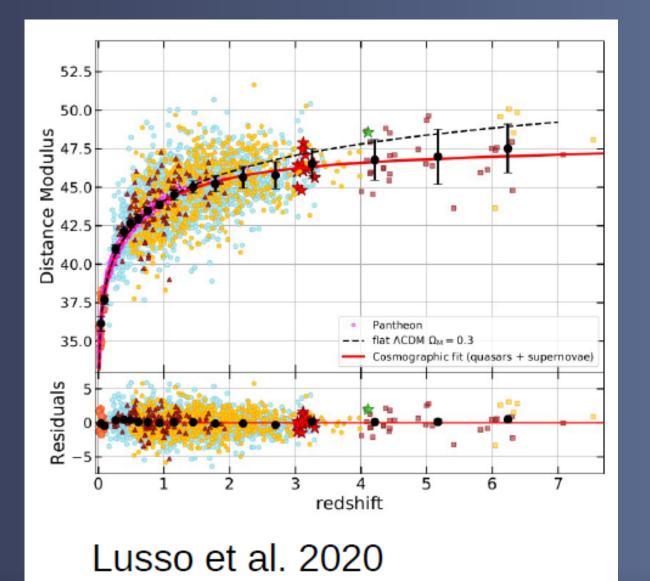
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For any analysis that involves a detailed test of cosmological models, the quasar distances should be calibrated by making use of the distance ladder through supernovae la.

In fact, the DM values of quasars are not absolute

!!! Quasar do not constrain H0 !!!



Need for joint fit with SNe Ia to fix the "zero-point" of the diagram

Overlap with SNe la in the common redshift range

Information on the cosmic evolution at z>1.5 where different cosmological models can be tested and distinguished

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Quasar cosmology: dark energy evolution and spatial curvature

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Pantheon SNIA

Collection of 1048 sources from the Pantheon sample (Scolnic et al. 2018)

We use the values of the distance moduli to calibrate QSO distances

BAO

Survey	z	Quantity	Measurement	$(r_{s,fid})$
6dFGS	0.106	$D_V(z)$	0.336 ± 0.015	5
SDSS DR7(MGS) 0.15	$D_V(z) \frac{\dot{r}_{s,fid}}{r_s(z_d)}$	664 ± 25	148.69
BOSS DR12	0.38	$D_M(z) \frac{\vec{r}_{s,fid}}{r_s(z_d)}$	1512.39	147.78
		$H(z) \frac{r_s(z_d)}{r_s(z_d)}$	81.2087	147.78
BOSS DR12	0.51	$D_M(z) \frac{r_{s,fid}}{r_s(z_d)}$	1975.22	147.78
		$H(z) \frac{r_s(z_d)}{r_s fid}$	90.9029	147.78
BOSS DR12	0.61	$D_M(z) \frac{r_{s,fid}}{r_s(z_d)}$	2306.68	147.78
		$H(z) \frac{r_s(z_d)}{r_s(z_d)}$	98.9647	147.78
eBOSS	1.52	$D_V(z) \frac{r_{s,fid}}{r_s(z_d)}$	3843 ± 147	147.78



QSOs

Lusso2020 selection: 2036 sources covering up to z = 7.54

For detailed description of selection, choices, validation of the procedure used and explanation of the fitting technique used to include them in the cosmological analysis:

Lusso E., et al., 2020, A&A, 642, A150 Risaliti G., Lusso E., 2015, ApJ, 815, 33 Lusso E., Risaliti G., 2016, ApJ, 819, 154 Risaliti G., Lusso E., 2019, Nature Astronomy, p. 195 Salvestrini et al. ,2019, A&A,631,A120



non-linear relation between their UV and X-ray luminosity:

 $\log(\mathrm{L}_X) = \gamma \log(L_{UV}) + eta$ X: 2 KeV, UV: 2500 Å

The fitted distance moduli are obtained from

DM(z) = 5log[DL(z) (Mpc)] + 25 + k

where

$$\log D_{\rm L}(z) = \frac{\left[\log F_X - \beta - \gamma \left(\log F_{UV} + 27.5\right)\right]}{2(\gamma - 1)} - \frac{1}{2}\log(4\pi) + 28.5.$$

The slope γ and the intercept β of the logarithmic X-UV luminosity relation are free parameters of the fit



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k is shared by both SNe and QSOs and is a rigid shift of the QSO Hubble diagram to match the one of SNe in the common redshift range.

MODELS

ΛCDM

$$E(z) = \frac{H(z)}{H_0} = \left[\Omega_{M,0} \left(1+z\right)^3 + \Omega_{r,0} \left(1+z\right)^4 + \Omega_{\Lambda,0}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

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DE extensions

$$+\Omega_{\Lambda,0}\exp\left(3\int_0^z dz'\frac{1+w(z')}{1+z'}\right)$$

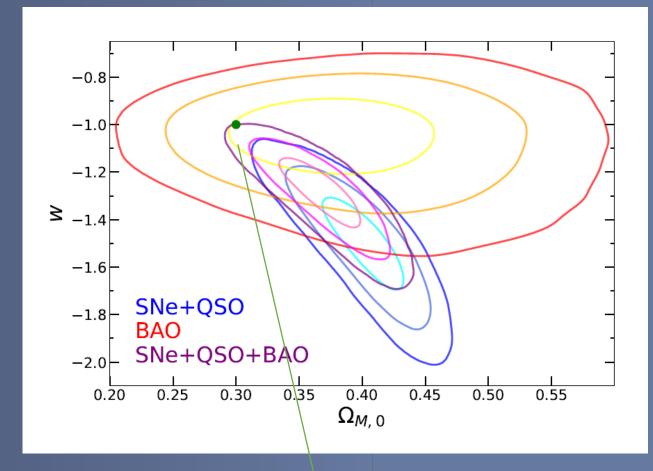
 $w(z) = P \wedge / \rho \wedge$

Flat LCDM model

Flat wCDM model

QSOs+SNe: $\Omega_{M,0} = 0.295^{+0.013}_{-0.012}$ BAO: $\Omega_{M,0} = 0.373^{+0.056}_{-0.048}$ QSOs+SNe+BAO: $\Omega_{M,0} = 0.300 \pm 0.012$

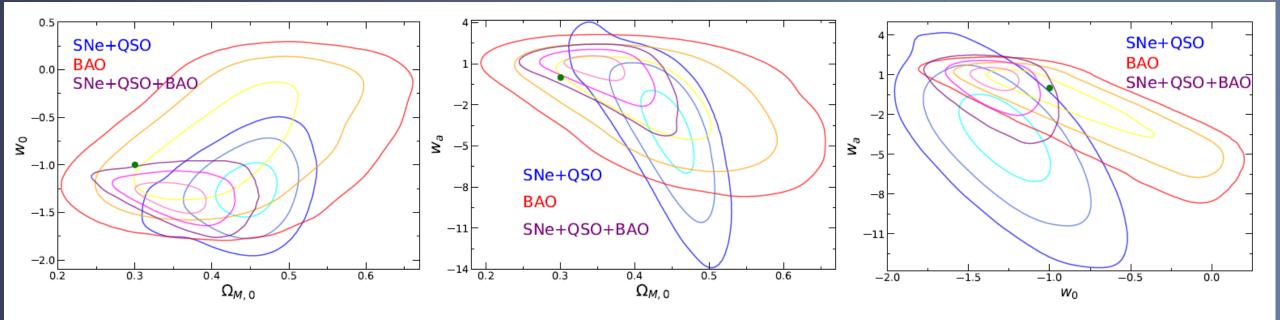
→ Completely agreement with the latest cosmological evidence



Green point : Best fit LCDM model

Flat CPL model

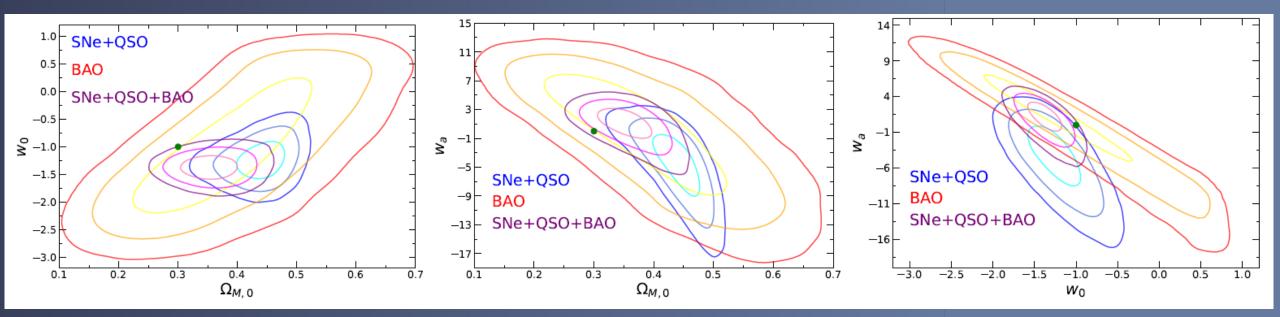
$$w(z) = w_0 + w_a (1 - a) = w_0 + w_a \frac{z}{1 + z}$$

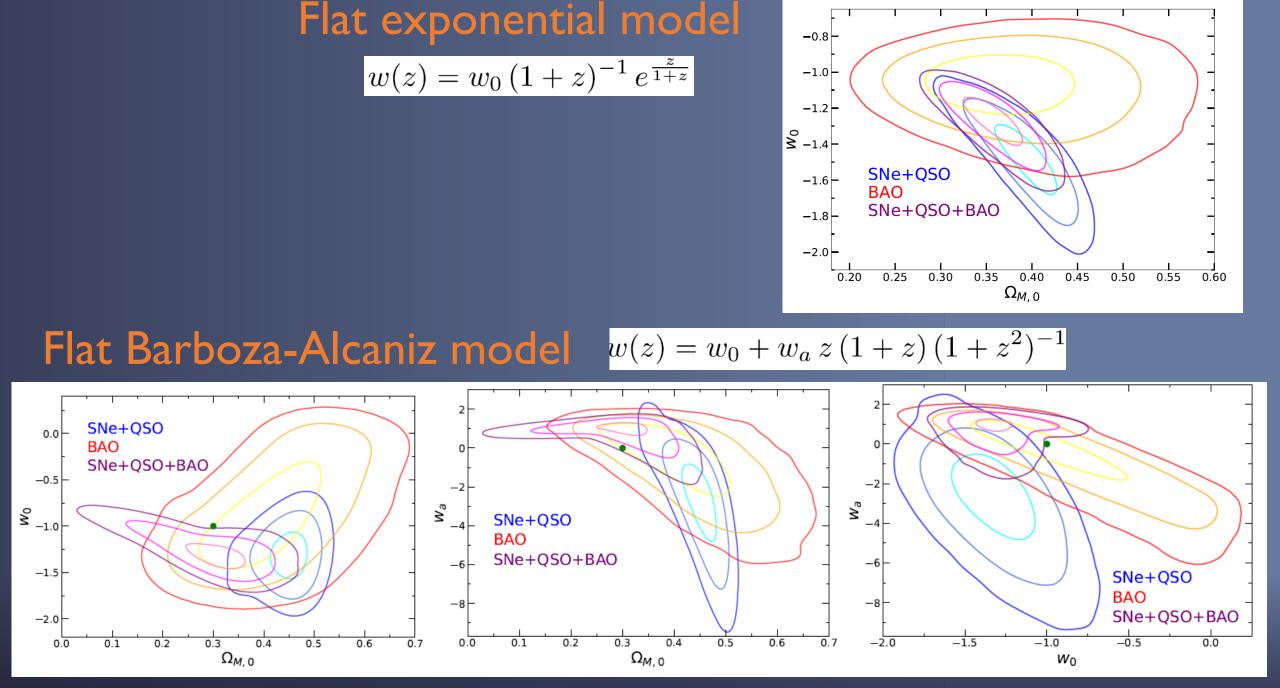


	QSOs + SNe	BAO	QSOs + SNe + BAO
$\Omega_{M,0}$	$0.447^{+0.023}_{-0.027}$	$0.420^{+0.073}_{-0.070}$	$0.354_{0.030}^{+0.032}$
w_0	$-1.267\substack{+0.196\\-0.191}$	$-0.821^{+0.469}_{-0.349}$	$-1.323^{+0.103}_{-0.112}$
w_a	$-3.771^{+2.113}_{-2.496}$	$-1.269^{+1.835}_{-2.608}$	$0.745_{-0.974}^{+0.483}$

Flat Jassal-Bagla-Padmanabhan model

 $\tilde{w}(z) = w_0 + w_a \frac{\tilde{z}}{(1+z)^2}$





Take-home message

Quasars are standardizable candles crucial to extend the Hubble diagram

Assuming flatness:

ACDM model: ΩM,0 completely consistent with 0.3 in all data sets DE extensions:

QSOs+SNe and BAO are consistent in all models

QSOs+SNe+BAO recover LCDM bestfit

Next goals

- Shed light on the physical origin of X-UV relation to strengthen the use of quasars in cosmology
- Implementation of the quasar sample with new catalogues and high quality observations from surveys

- Cosmological analyses including other probes such as CMB, DES, GRBs
- Tests of other (more interesting) model

Work in progress, coming soon!

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