

# Baryonic Acoustic Oscillation Correlations at $z=2.4$ with SDSS-III Lyman- $\alpha$ Forests

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## Summary

We measure the large-scale correlation using the Lyman- $\alpha$  forest absorption field and the quasar positions. We use over 170,000 forests from Data Release 12 (DR12) of the SDSS-III BOSS survey and over 240,000 quasars from DR12 and from DR7 of the SDSS-II survey. We compute two 3D correlations: the Lyman- $\alpha$  auto-correlation and the quasar - Lyman- $\alpha$  cross-correlation. This study allows us to measure the Baryonic Acoustic Oscillation (BAO) scale, along and across the line of sight, at a mean redshift of  $z = 2.40$ . These scales are linked to the Hubble parameter and the angular diameter distance, respectively. We use simulations to search for a possible bias in the measurement of the BAO scale.

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