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The redshift dependence of the M_{BH} - M_{host} relation in quasars

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- For low-z quasars, images in the HST-WFPC2, spectra from the SDSS and HST-FOS and from on-purpose observations at the Asiago 1.82m Telescope.
- For z>0.5 targets, images taken at the NOT and the ESO/VLT, spectra from the NOT and ESO/3.6m Telescope.



Virial estimate of $M_{\rm BH}$

- $M_{\rm BH} = G^{-1} R_{\rm BLR} v_{\rm BLR}^2$
- $R_{\rm BLR} \sim \lambda L_{\lambda}^{\alpha}$
- $V_{\text{BLR}} = f$ FWHM



















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Conclusions

- We probed the *M*_{BH}-*M*_{host} relation up to z=3, both for RLQs and RQQs
- The M_{BH} - L_{host} is practically constant
- Once we correct for the evolution of the *M/L* ratio,
 Γ increases of a factor ~7 from z=0 to z=3, similarly for RLQs and RQQs

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