# The Origins & Evolution of the Quasar Luminosity Function

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# A subset of recent quasar samples...

Reference	Survey/Field <sup>a</sup>	Rest Wavelength/Band	z Range <sup>b</sup>	Luminosity Range <sup>b</sup>	$\chi^2/\nu^{\epsilon}$	NAGN	Plotting Symbol
Optical:							
Cristiani et al. (2004)	GOODS	1450 Å	$\sim 4 - 5.2$	$-21 > M_{1450} > -23.5$	0.58/1	1 - 4	crosses
Croom et al. (2004)	2QZ/6QZ	В	0.4 - 2.1	$-20.5 > M_g > -28.5$	23.1/10	20,905	asterisks
Fan et al. (2001a)	SDSS (Equatorial Stripe)	1450 Å	3.6 - 5.0	$-25.5 > M_{1450} > -27.5$	6.21/9	39	pentagons
Fan et al. (2001b, 2003, 2004)	SDSS (Main & Southern Survey)	1450 Å	$\sim 5.7 - 6.4$	$-26.5 > M_{1450} > -28$	2.12/3	9	
Hunt et al. (2004)	LBG survey	1450 Å	$\sim 2-4$	$-21 > M_{1450} > -27$	4.74/6	11	diamonds
Kennefick et al. (1995)	POSS	В	4.0 - 4.5	$-26.5 > M_B > -28.5$	14.8/2	10	triangles
Richards et al. (2005)	2dF-SDSS	g	0.3 - 2.2	$-21 > M_{\pi} > -27$	137/99	5,645	circles
Richards et al. (2006b)	SDSS (DR3)	$i(z = 2) \sim 2500 \text{ Å}$	0.3 - 5.0	$-22.5 > M_i > -29$	247/101	15,343	squares
Schmidt et al. (1995)	PTGS	В	$\sim 3.5 - 4.5$	$-25.5 > M_B > -27.5$	8.04/4	8	inverted triangles
Siana et al. (2006)	SWIRE (ELIAS-N1/N2)	1450 Å	$\sim 2.8 - 3.4$	$-23.5 > M_{1450} > -26.5$	4.74/6	$\sim 100$	crosses
Wolf et al. (2003)	COMBO-17	1450 Å	1.2 - 4.8	$-23.5 > M_{1450} > -28.5$	54.2/27	192	stars
Soft X-ray:							
Hasinger et al. (2005)	ROSAT (RASS+RDS) + CDF-N/S	$0.5 - 2 \mathrm{keV}$	0.015 - 4.8	$10^{42} < L_{0.5-2} < 10^{48}  \mathrm{erg}  \mathrm{s}^{-1}$	169/51	2.566	circles
Miyaji et al. (2000, 2001)	ROSAT (RASS+RDS)	0.5 - 2  keV	0.015 - 4.8	$10^{41} < L_{0.5-2} < 10^{47}  {\rm erg  s^{-1}}$	112/41	691	stars
Silverman et al. (2005b)	CHAMP+ROSAT (RASS)	0.5 - 2  keV	0.1 - 5	$10^{44.5} < L_{0.5-2} < 10^{46}  {\rm erg  s^{-1}}$	24.1/9	217	squares
Hard X-ray:							
Bareer et al. (2003a.b)	CDF-N	2 - 8 keV	$\sim 5 - 6.5$	$10^{43} < L_{2-8} < 10^{45}  \mathrm{erg}  \mathrm{s}^{-1}$	1.02/1	1	diamonds
Barger et al. (2005)	CDF-N/S + CLASXS + ASCA	2 - 8  keV	$\sim 0.1 - 1.2$	$10^{42} < L_{2-8} < 10^{46}  {\rm erg  s^{-1}}$	41.0/30	601	squares
burger et un (2005)	CDE-N/S + CLASXS	2 - 8  keV	~15-50	$10^{42} < L_2 \ll 10^{46}  {\rm erg  s^{-1}}$	15.5/9	~100	odomen
Barger & Cowie (2005)	CDF-N/GOODS-N	2 - 8  keV	~2-3	$10^{43} < L_2 \le 10^{44.5}  \text{erg s}^{-1}$	1.73/1	136	
La França et al. (2005)	HELLASYXMM	2 = 10  keV	0.0 - 4.0	$10^{42} < I_{0}$ is $< 10^{46.5}  {\rm erg  s}^{-1}$	14 4/18	508	stors
Nandra et al. (2005)	GWS + HDE-N	2 - 10  keV	27-32	$10^{43} < I_{2}$ is $< 10^{44.5}  \text{erg s}^{-1}$	0.77/1	15	crosses
Sazonov & Revnivtsev (2004)	RXTE	3 - 20  keV	0.0 - 0.1	$10^{41} \le L_{2}$ as $\le 10^{46} erg s^{-1}$	9 75/10	77	inverted triangles
Silverman et al. (2005a c)	CHAMP	0.3 - 8.0  keV	0.2 - 4.0	$10^{42} < I_{0.3} \le 10^{45.5}  {\rm erg  s^{-1}}$	26 3/15	368	triangles
Ueda et al. (2003)	HEAO1 + AMSS-n/s + ALSS + ASCA + CDF-N	2-10  keV	0.015 - 3.0	$10^{41.5} < L_{2-10} < 10^{46.5} \mathrm{erg  s^{-1}}$	26.5/35	247	circles
Mid-IR:							
Brown et al. (2006)	Spirrer Boötes (NDWES)	8.um	~1-5	$10^{45} < I_{\pi} < 10^{47}  erg  s^{-1}$	3 77/10	183	circles
Matute et al. (2006)	RMS + ELIAS + HDF-N/S	$15 \mu m$	$\sim 0.1 - 1.2$	$10^{42} < L_{15\mu m} < 10^{47}{ m ergs^{-1}}$	23.4/18	148	squares
Emission Lines:	PARAMET ACCUMENTS AND ACCUMENTS AND	NOGL-WRITE-		Preserve entrand of Participan Colored Dis	NESTI SU SEÑA	5785355	
Hao et al. (2005)	SDSS (main galaxy sample)	Ha	0 - 0.33	$10^5 \le Lu_{cr} \le 10^9 L_{\odot}$	29.5/21	~3000	pentagons
	and the function for the function of the funct	IOIII		$10^5 \le L_{OR} \le 10^8 L_{\odot}$			Laurence
		(OIII)		1901 - 1901			

TABLE 1 MEASUREMENTS OF THE QLF





#### How to Address This? METHODOLOGY

Given bolometric Phi(L), convolve over SEDs:



# Methodology GIVEN A BOLOMETRIC PHI(L), CONVOLVE OVER KNOWN SEDs



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- Want the "intrinsic" SED (e.g. Marconi+ '04)
  - Type 1, un-obscured/un-reddened, subtract host light



# Methodology MORE THAN ONE SED

- Dependence on L
- Distribution of SED shapes
  - Remove obscuration component



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13

14

log(v) (Hz)

log(vL<sub>v</sub>) (relative)

0

-1

# Methodology **OBSCURATION**



1.25

1.00

Ueda+ 03

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#### Obtain Phi(L) specific to observed band, L\_obs, and redshift:



Luminosity-Dependence TEST DIFFERENT BOLOMETRIC CORRECTIONS, ETC.



# LF vs. Redshift UV THROUGH IR



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#### What Do We Learn? "ZERO-TH ORDER"





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What Do We Learn? "FIRST ORDER"



## What Do We Learn? **"FIRST ORDER"**

- Little ambiguity in L-M mapping
  - **Model-independent**



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Probability (Arbitrary Scale)

0.001

#### What Do We Learn? "FIRST ORDER"

- Little ambiguity in interpretation at z < 2</p>
  - High-z can't get bigger
    - Observed mdot
    - Observed clustering
    - Local BHMF







#### What Do We Learn? "FIRST ORDER"

- High-z :: low-M\_bh, or still building up?
  - M\_BH vs. M\_BH\_final



## What Do We Learn? "FIRST ORDER"

- High-z :: low-M\_bh, or still building up?
  - Host masses?
  - Clustering



#### Recall...



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Luminosity-Dependent Density Evolution "SECOND ORDER"





- Faint End (X-ray "LDDE")
  - Incompleteness?

![](_page_26_Figure_3.jpeg)

![](_page_26_Figure_4.jpeg)

![](_page_26_Figure_5.jpeg)

 Want faint-end slope over large-z from single surveys

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- Faint End (X-ray "LDDE")
  - Incompleteness?
  - Lots of (very) low-M active BHs?
    - No faint-end Lqso-Lhost correlation (Bahcall+; Hao+; Vanden Berk+)

![](_page_27_Figure_5.jpeg)

z < 0.3

Probability (Arbitrary Scale

Heckman+04

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- Faint End (X-ray "LDDE")
  - Incompleteness?
  - Lots of (very) low-M active BHs?
  - Change in effective duty cycle/lifetime for more massive BHs at low mdot

![](_page_28_Figure_5.jpeg)

Luminosity-Dependent Quasar Lifetimes

![](_page_28_Figure_7.jpeg)

![](_page_29_Figure_0.jpeg)

- Bright End
  - Binning?
    - Probably important at z<1

![](_page_30_Figure_4.jpeg)

2.5

2.0

![](_page_31_Figure_0.jpeg)

# Bright End

- Binning?
- Lensing?
- Effective bias? (distribution of bolometric corrections)
  - Unlikely in optical
  - Favored in \*all bands\*

![](_page_32_Figure_7.jpeg)

![](_page_32_Figure_8.jpeg)

Large, optical surveys still the best bet: hope for IR?

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- **Bright End** >
  - (Systematics)

![](_page_33_Figure_3.jpeg)

2.5

2.0

#### **Bright End**

- (Systematics)
- Reflects shape of halo MF/buildup?
- Feedback again?

![](_page_34_Figure_5.jpeg)

2.5

2.0

1.5

2

z

з

Croton+06

-20

1

-24

-22

Bright-End Slope Y2

#### What Do We Not Know How to Interpret?

- Phi\_star: what does it mean?
  - Number of active systems?
  - Duty cycles / lifetimes?

![](_page_35_Figure_4.jpeg)

# Summary

The combined set of quasar observations has enormous constraining power that should be exploited

• -11 < phi < -2; 8 < L < 16; z = 0.0 - 6.4

- Need to be careful about combining observations
- Systematics now the dominant uncertainty at z<4</li>
- Constrains AGN physics:
  - SEDs & NH depend on L, not z
  - Break, luminosity density, shape change well-measured

Encodes information about population buildup & feedback

- "Cosmic Downsizing" as manifest in QSOs
- Complex shape evolution
- Quasar lifetime not one number: Luminosity-dependent lifetimes

Host Light

![](_page_37_Figure_1.jpeg)

$$\phi(L) \equiv \frac{d\Phi}{d\log L}(L) = \int \frac{dt(L, L_{peak})}{d\log(L)} n(L_{peak}) d\log(L_{peak}).$$
Simple quasar  
lifetimes
$$\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ -4 \\ -6 \\ 8 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 10 \\ 10 \\ 12 \\ 14 \end{array}$$

Log(L/L<sub>sun</sub>)

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![](_page_42_Figure_1.jpeg)

- Feedback-regulated lifetime drives a given QSO to lower L after blowout, and spends more time at low-L
- Much stronger turnover in formation/merger rate
- Faint-end QLF dominated by decaying sources with much larger peak luminosity/hosts

#### Feedback-driven "Blowout" Gives M-sigma Relation PREVENTS RUNAWAY BLACK HOLE GROWTH

![](_page_43_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### Quasar Clustering is a Strong Test of this Model MOST FAINT QSOS ARE DECAYING BRIGHT QSOS - SHOULD BE IN SIMILAR HOSTS

![](_page_44_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### Generalizing the Model NOT ALL AGN ARE MERGER-DRIVEN

- Almost any (ex. radio) AGN feedback will share key properties:
  - Point-like
  - Short input (~ t\_Salpeter)
  - E~E\_binding (defines when the feedback is important)
- Suggests analytical solutions for decay of accretion rates in feedback-driven winds or blastwaves
  - Agrees well with simulations!
- Generalize to "Seyferts"
  - Disk-dominated galaxy, central molecular clouds
  - Calculate accretion rate(time) when a cloud "collides" with the BH

![](_page_45_Figure_10.jpeg)

#### The Seyfert Luminosity Function A STOCHASTIC BUT FEEDBACK-REGULATED MODEL

![](_page_46_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### The Seyfert Luminosity Function PREDICT THE EDDINGTON RATIO DISTRIBUTIONS FROM THIS FUELING MODE, AS BEFORE

![](_page_47_Figure_1.jpeg)

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#### The Seyfert Luminosity Function CORRECTIONS TO THE M\_BH-SIGMA RELATION

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#### The Seyfert Luminosity Function CONTRIBUTION AS A FUNCTION OF REDSHIFT

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