Active Galactic Nuclei Search

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Methods for QSO sample creation

- Broadband photometry in the combination with infrared and ultraviolet surveys
- QSO selection by variability in the optical range
- X-ray surveys
- Medium-band photometry

Broadband photometry



QSO color selection criteria (Richards et al. 2002)

Broadband photometry in the combination with infrared and ultraviolet surveys



The WISE infrared colors of AGNs. It is clearly seen that for quasars on z > 3 the W1-W2 > 0.7 criterion does not work (Bovy et al. 2015).

Broadband photometry on z > 3



QSO color selection criteria (Richards et al. 2002)

QSO selection by variability in the optical range



Output of the variability Neural Network as a function of g magnitude for a sample of known stars (small black dots near yNN = 0) and for known quasars (larger red dots at yNN ~ 1). BOSS targets and the MMT point-source targets are required to pass the criterion yNN > 0.5. (Palanque-Delabrouille et al. 2013)

QSO selection by variability in the optical range



The BOSS+MMT color selection criteria (Palanque-Delabrouille et al. 2013). Locus of stars (upper blue contours), z < 2.2 quasars (lower left green contours) and z > 2.2 quasars (lower right red contours) in the c3 vs. c1 color-color plane. The upper solid line corresponds to the color cut c3 < 1.0-c1/3 (loose, for point sources) and the lower dashed line to c3 < 0.6 -c1/3 (strict, for extended sources). c1 = 0.95(u - g) + 0.31(g - r) + 0.11(r - i),

$$c3 = -0.39(u - g) + 0.79(g - r) + 0.47(r - i)$$
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X-ray surveys



The number density of quasars from x-ray data (Hasinger et al. 2016)

Medium-band photometry



Transmission of broadband and medium-band MBBS filters.

SED construction



Number density function by SDSS DR10, BOSS+MMT and X-ray data

X-ray data

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 $42.0 < \log L_x < 43.0$ 43.0 <logL_x <44.0

 $44.0 < \log L_x < 45.0$



1-m Schmidt Telescope BAO Observations

- Apogee Alta U16M
- Kodak KAF-16803 4k x 4k
- Pixel Size $9 \mu k \times 9 \mu k$
- Readout Noise <11 e
- Dark Current < 0.01 e/sec
- Q.E. (5500 A) 60 %
- Q.E. (3500 A) 35 %
- Q.E. (9000 A) 18 %

MBBS filter set



Transmission of broadband and medium-band MBBS filters, taking into account the quantum efficiency of the detector.

Photometry



Selected quasars



The medium-band QSO SEDs and their spectra

Redshift determination



Results



Comparison of the number density of quasars from three different samples. $\Delta z = 0.2$

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