

# On The Contribution of Discrete Sources to the Background Radiation

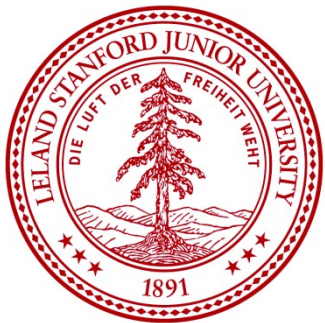
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# Outline

- I. Estimating the Background Radiation
- II. The Luminosity Function and its Evolution
- III. Data
- IV. Luminosity-Luminosity Correlations
- V. Determining Multivariate Distributions
- VI. Some Results

# *I. Two Methods*

## *From Source Counts or Luminosity Function*

# I. Estimating the Background Radiation

A. Use directly source counts (so-called Log  $N$ -Log  $S$ )

Given the differential or cumulative source counts

$$n(f)df \quad \text{and} \quad N(f) = \int_f^\infty n(f')df'$$

then the contribution of sources with fluxes  $>f$  is

$$I(>f) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_f^\infty f' n(f') df' = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left( \int_f^\infty N(f') df' + f N(f) \right)$$

The total counts requires extrapolation to lower fluxes

$$I_{\text{tot}} = \lim_{f \rightarrow 0} I(>f) = \int_0^\infty f' n(f') df' = \int_0^\infty N(f') df'$$

But: *Extrapolation uncertain; no physics to guide*

Also: *Spectral variation introduces a new dimension*

*See Singal, Petrosian and Ajello, 2012*

# I. Estimating the Background Radiation

B. Use the luminosity function and its evolution  $\Psi(L, z)$

$$I_{\text{tot}} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^\infty \rho(z) \frac{dV(z)}{dz} \int_{L_{\text{min}}}^\infty \frac{L}{4\pi d_L^2} \Psi(L, z) dL$$

Here  $L_{\text{min}}$  is the minimum luminosity often not known:

This also requires uncertain extrapolations to regions of phase space not fully covered by observations

But: *there may be some physics to guide*

Also: Clearly a multivariate problem; optical properties that are needed to get redshift come into play. So we deal with *at least a tri-variate distribution;*

e.g. for radio background  $\Psi(L_{\text{opt}}, L_{\text{rad}}, z)$

## *II. Finding Distributions*

### *Importance of Correlations*

# What Do We Need To Do

## 1. Data Requirements

Need a Large Sample of Sources with known

a. Redshifts

b. Optical and Radio Fluxes: *spectral indicies*

c. A Cosmological Model: *to calculate luminosities*

$$L = 4\pi d_L^2(\Omega_i, z) f / K(z)$$

d. Well Defined Selection: *e.g. Robust Flux Limits*

# What Do We Need To Do

## 2. Sounds Methods to Determine The Tri-Variate Distribution $\Psi(L_{\text{opt}}, L_{\text{rad}}, z)$

This requires Determination of

- a. Correlation between the Luminosities
- b. Radio and Optical Luminosity Evolutions
- c. Co-moving Density Evolution



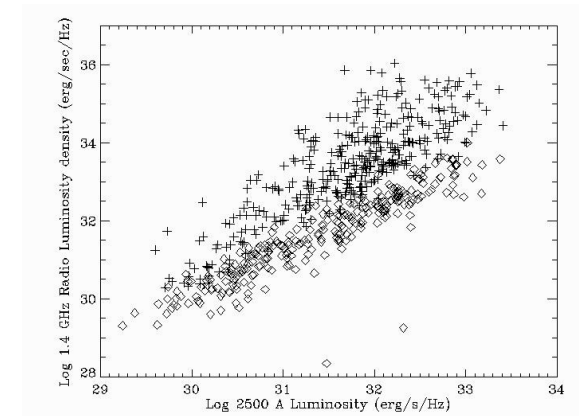
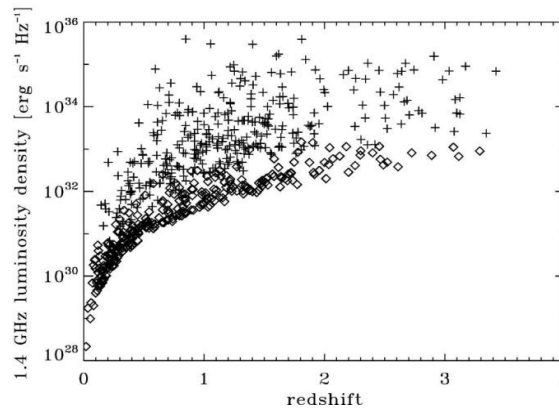
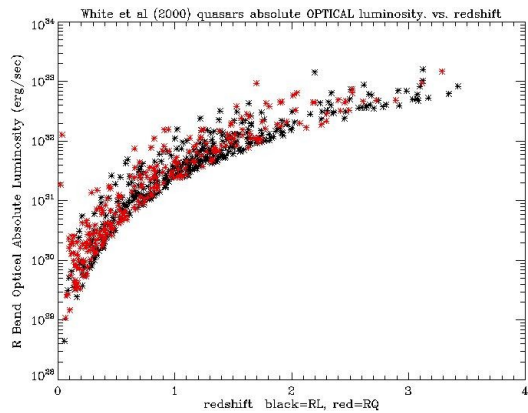
# *III. DATA*

## *Radio and Optical Flux Limited Samples*

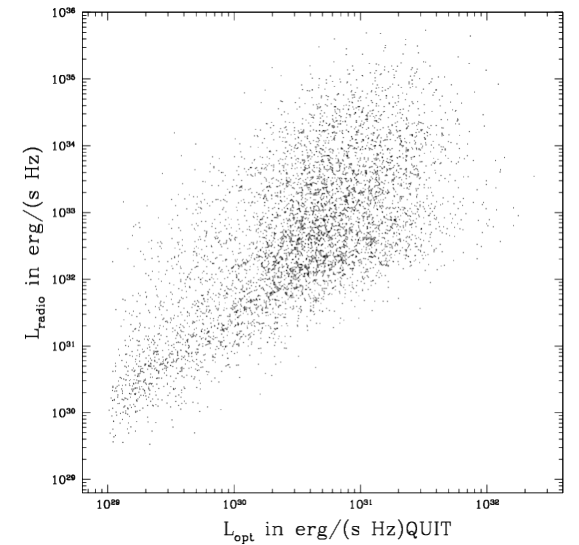
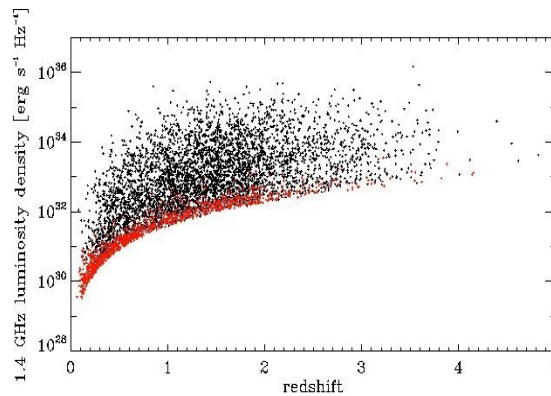
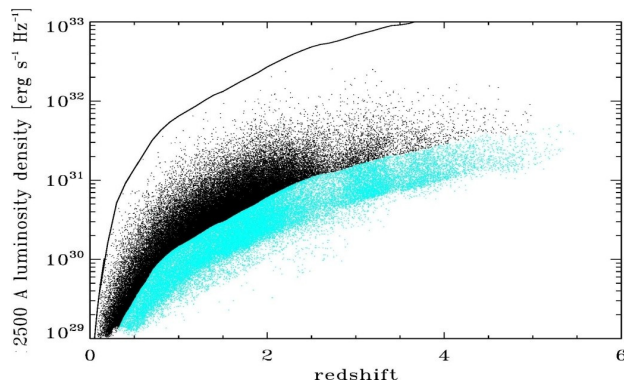
POSS-I, SDSS and FIRST

# II. Data: *Luminosities and Redshift*

## FIRST x POSS-I (636 sources)



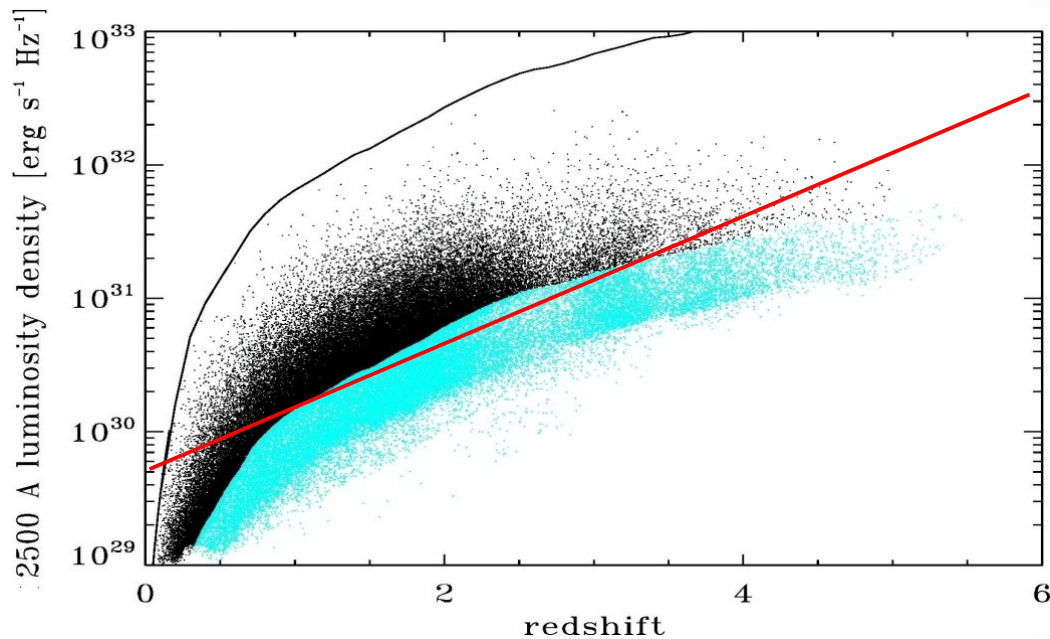
## SDSSXFIRST (5445 sources)



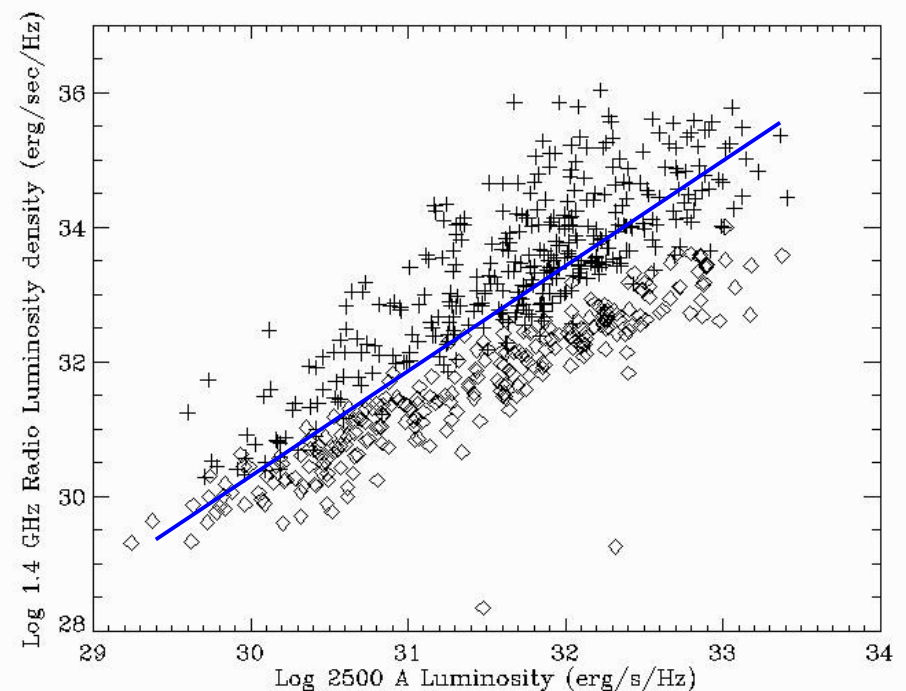
# Observed Correlations

There are clear and strong correlations

*Lo-z* correlation



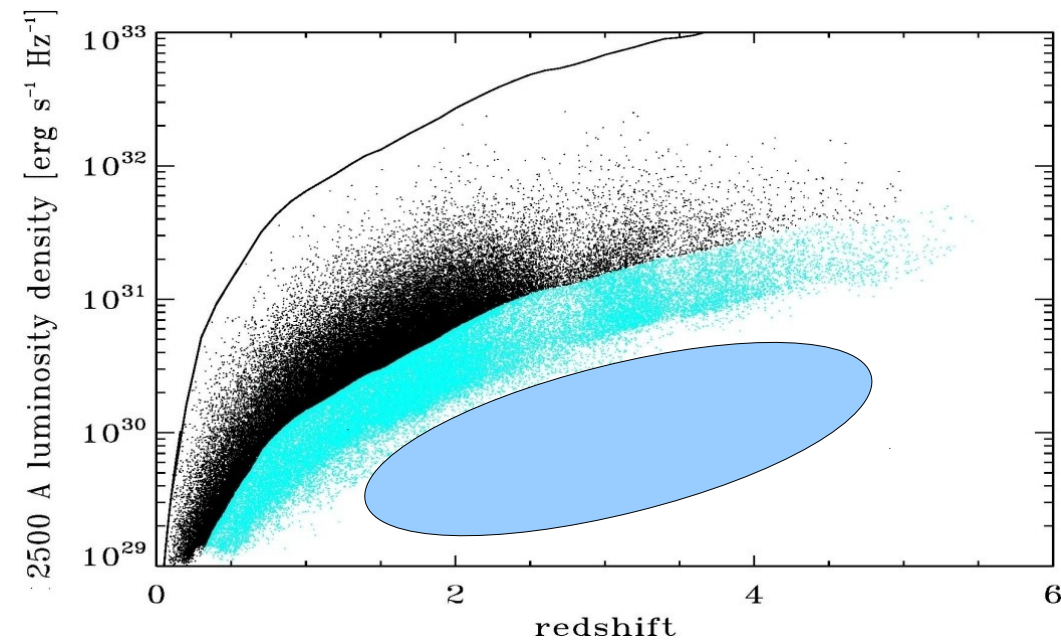
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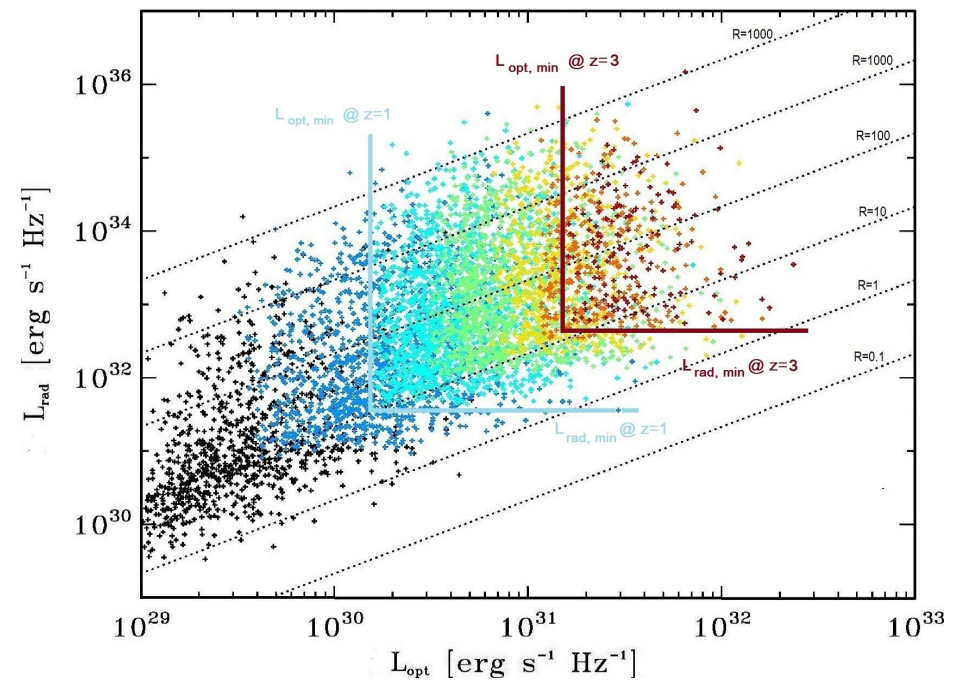
# Induced Correlations

## *Selection Effects and Redshift*

*Lo-z* correlation



*Lo-Lr* correlation



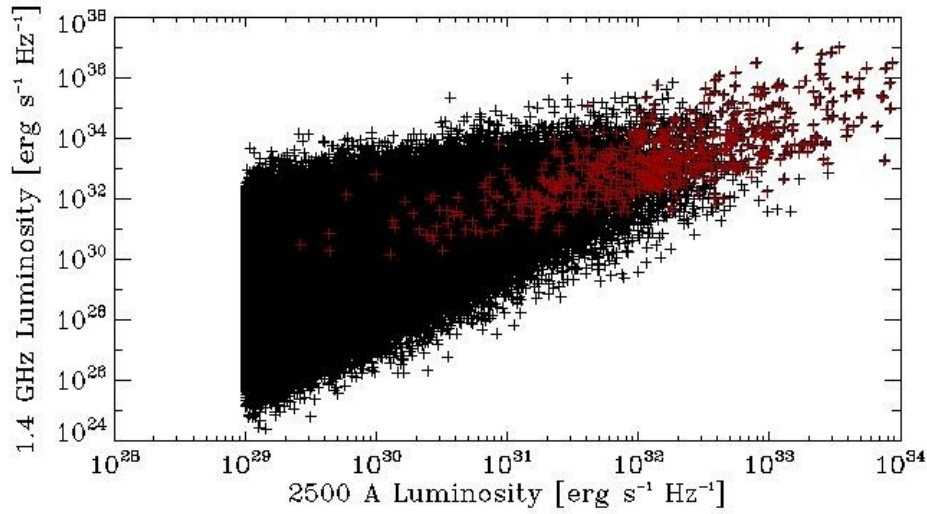
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*Simulations and Some  
Preliminary Result*

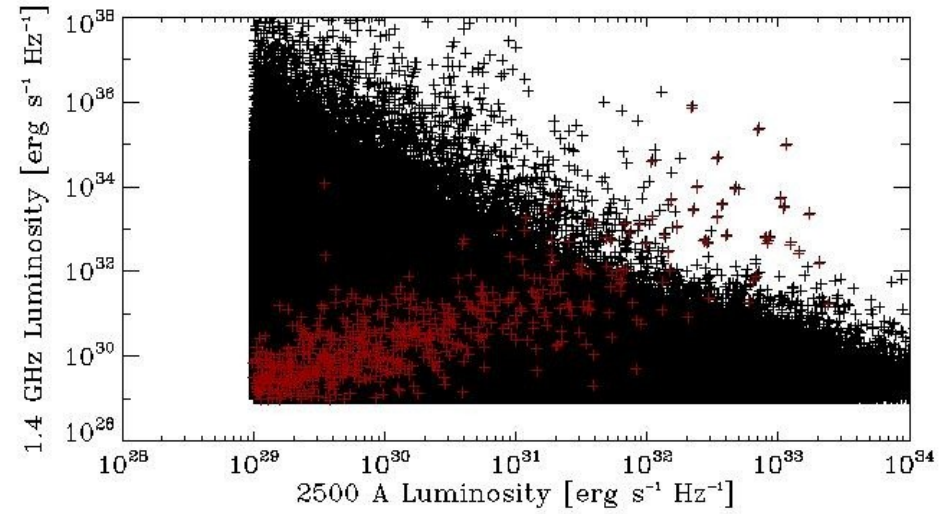
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*Some preliminary results; simulations*

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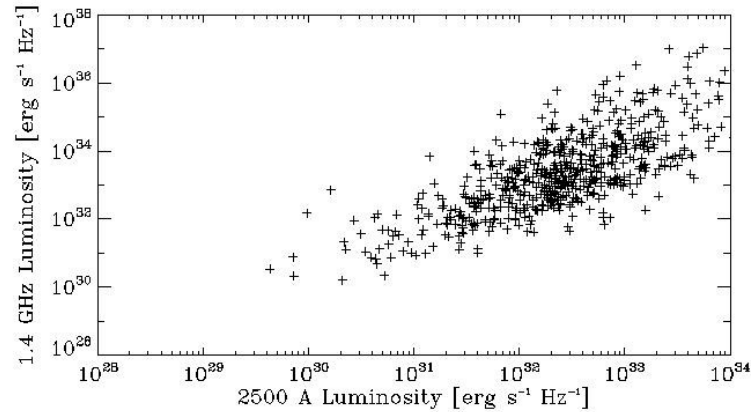




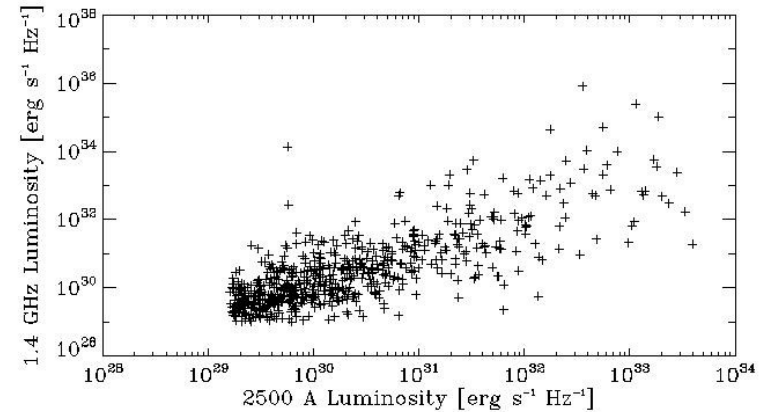
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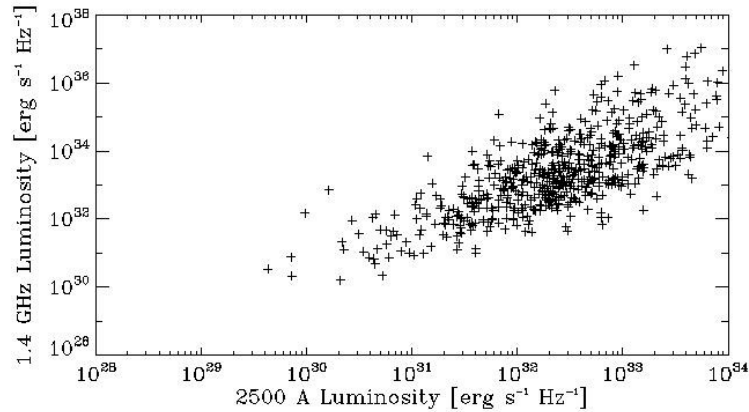
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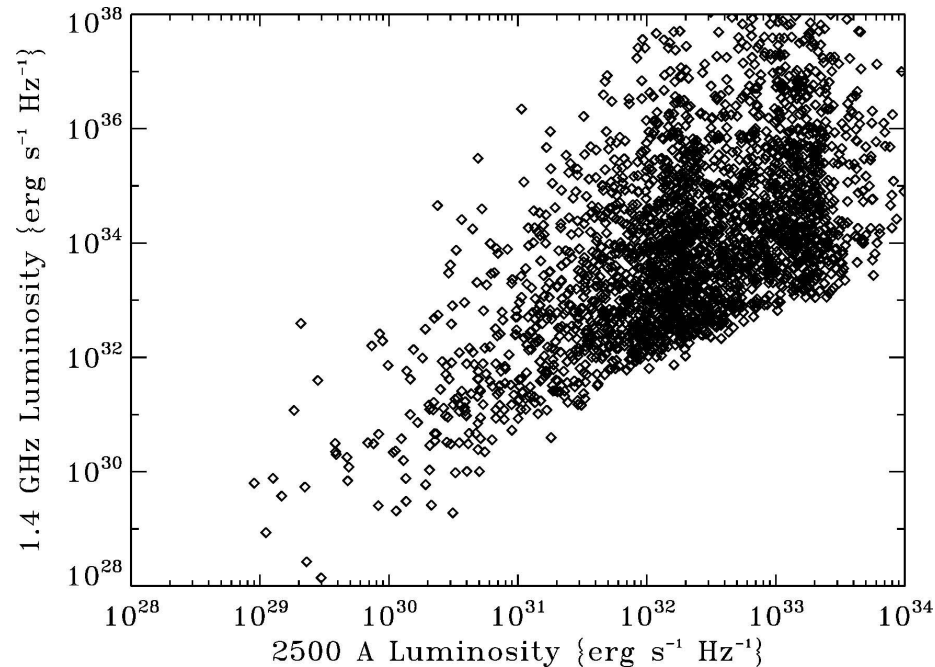
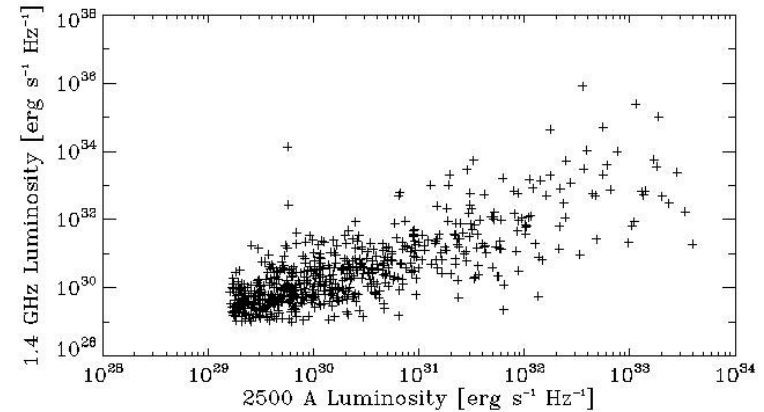
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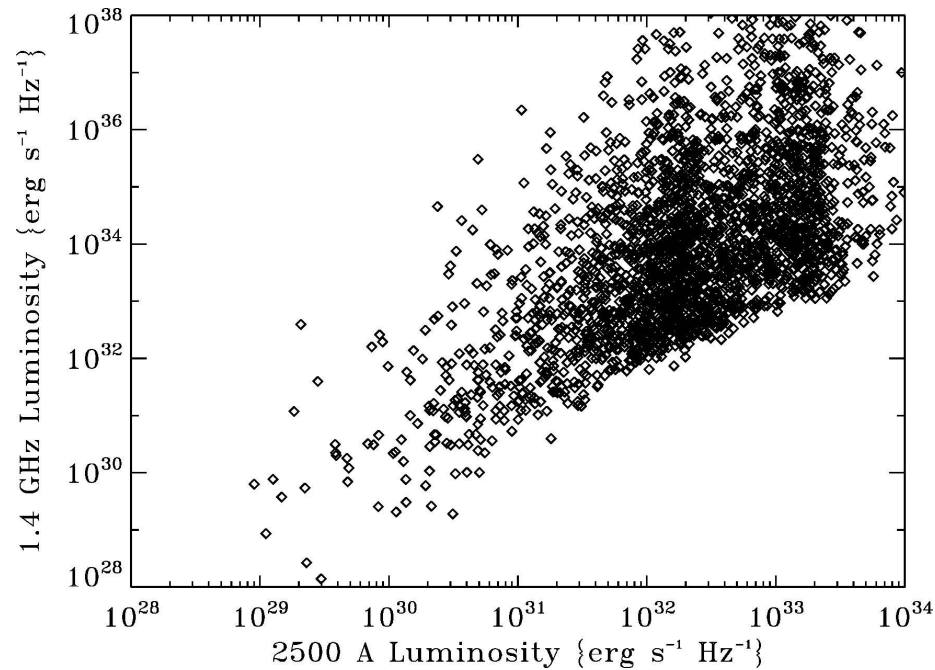
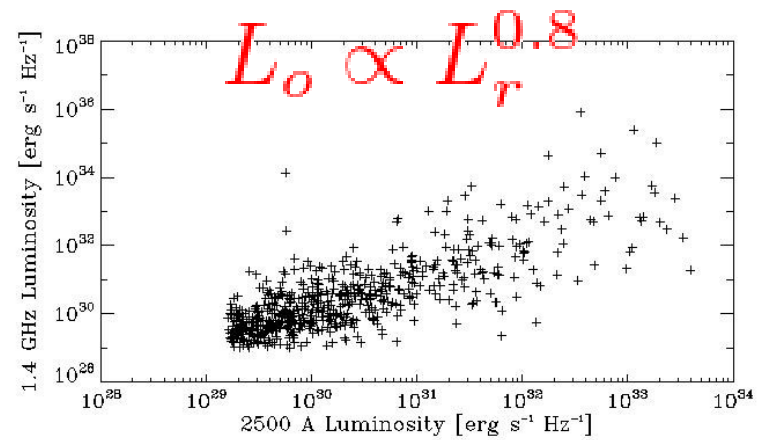
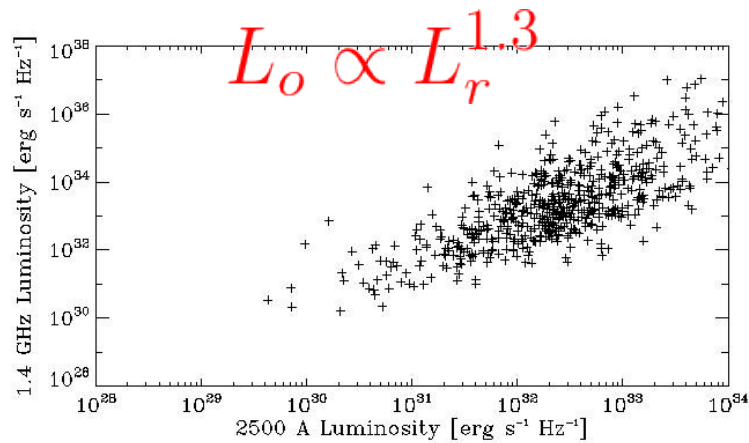
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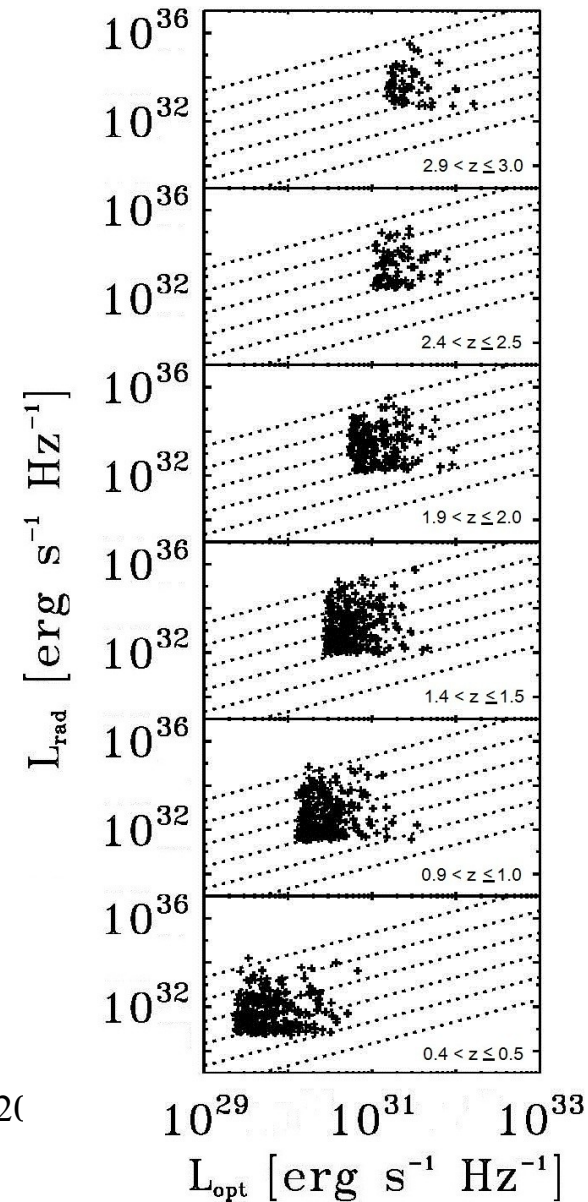
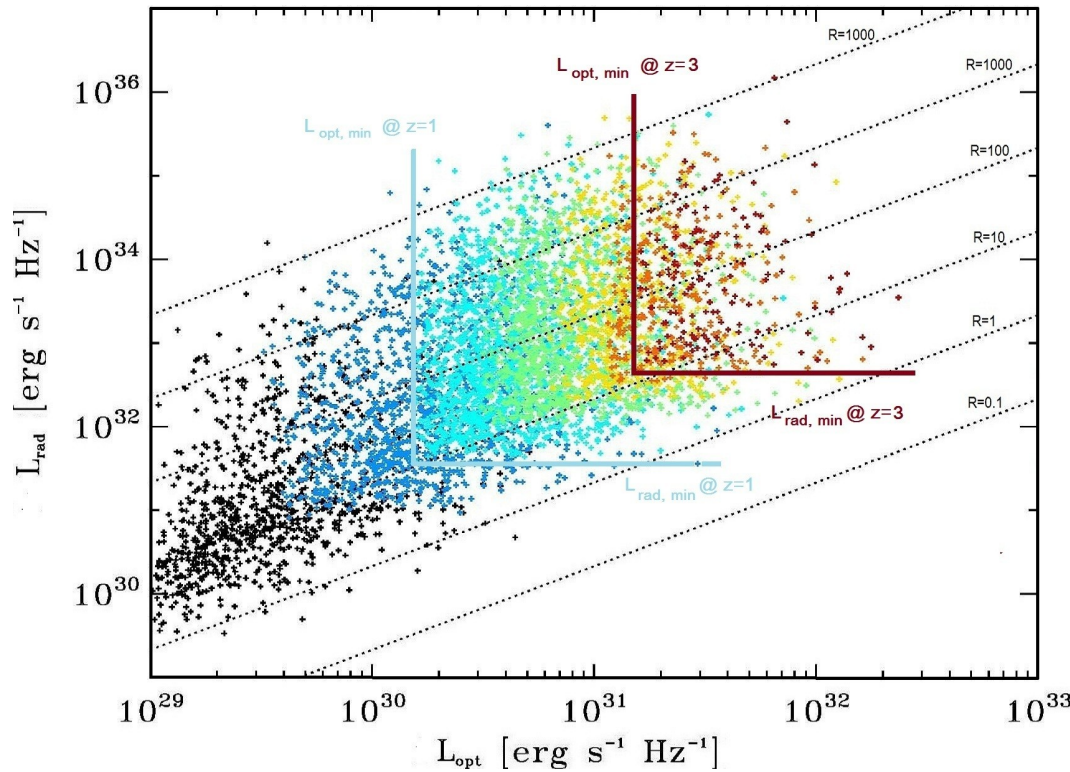
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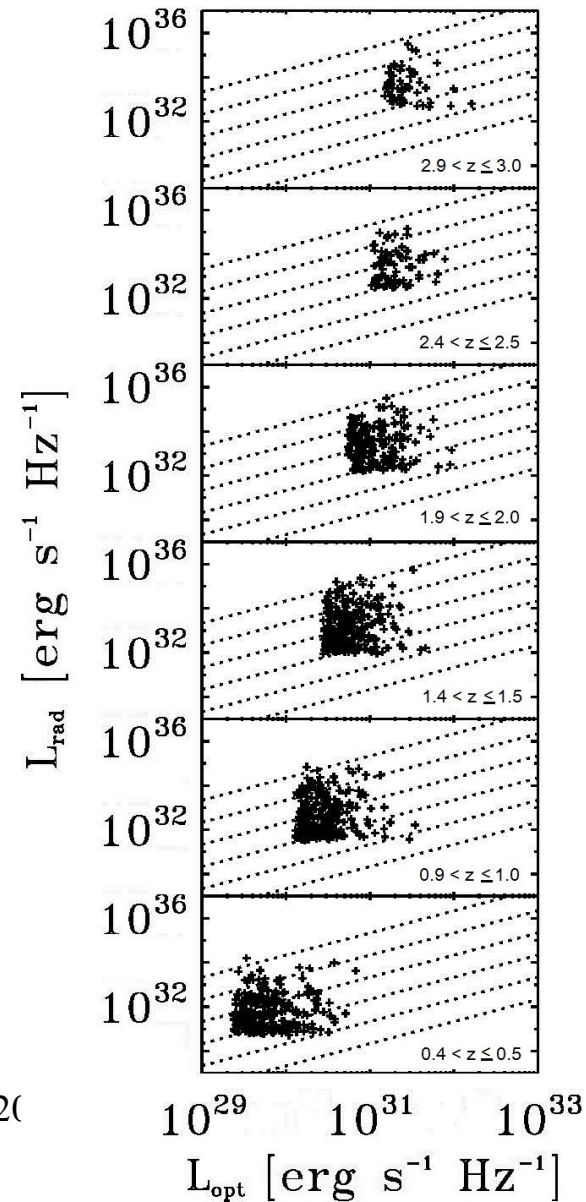
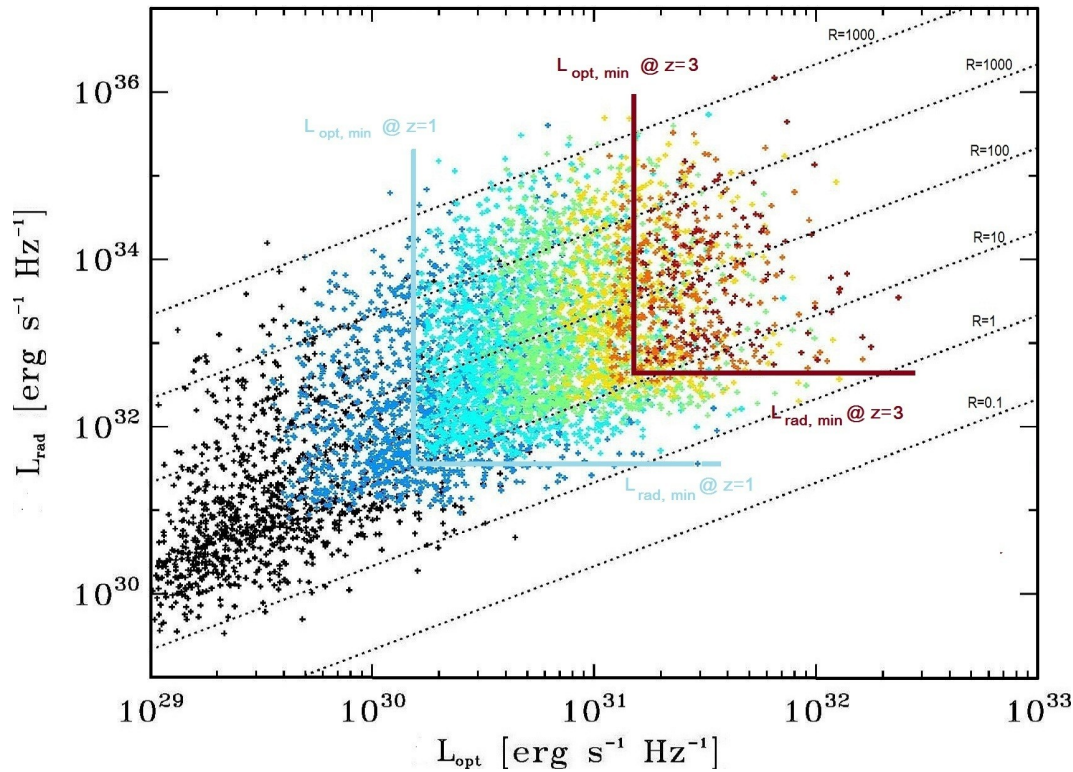
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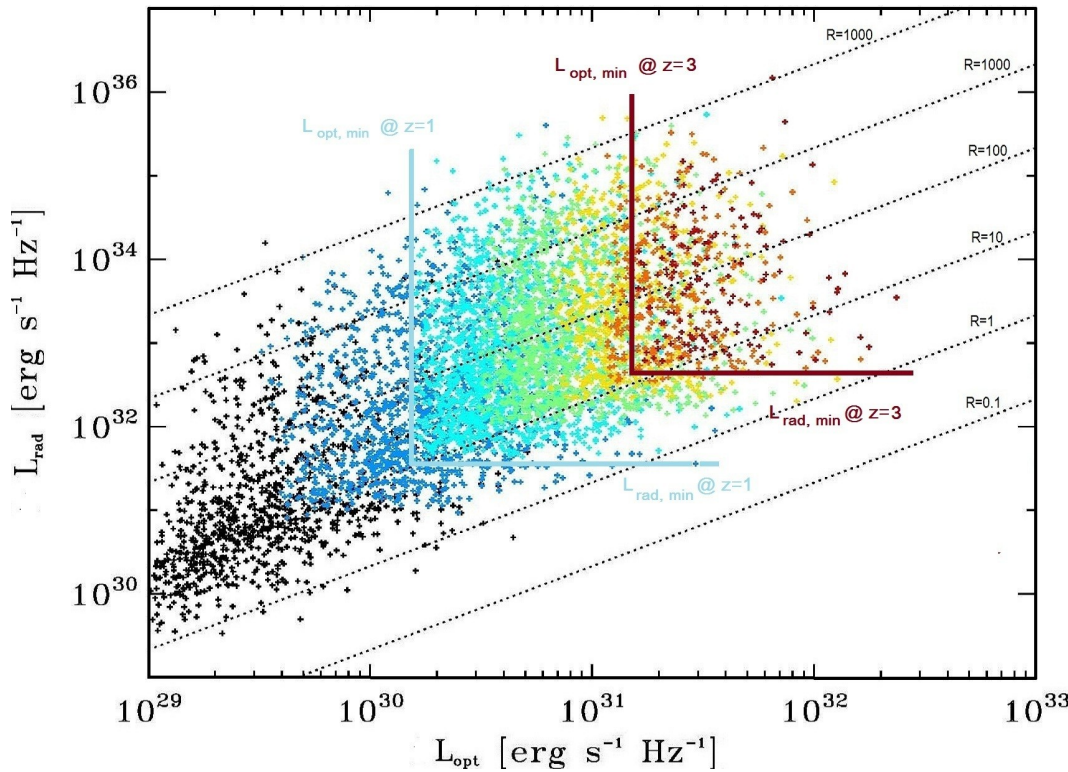
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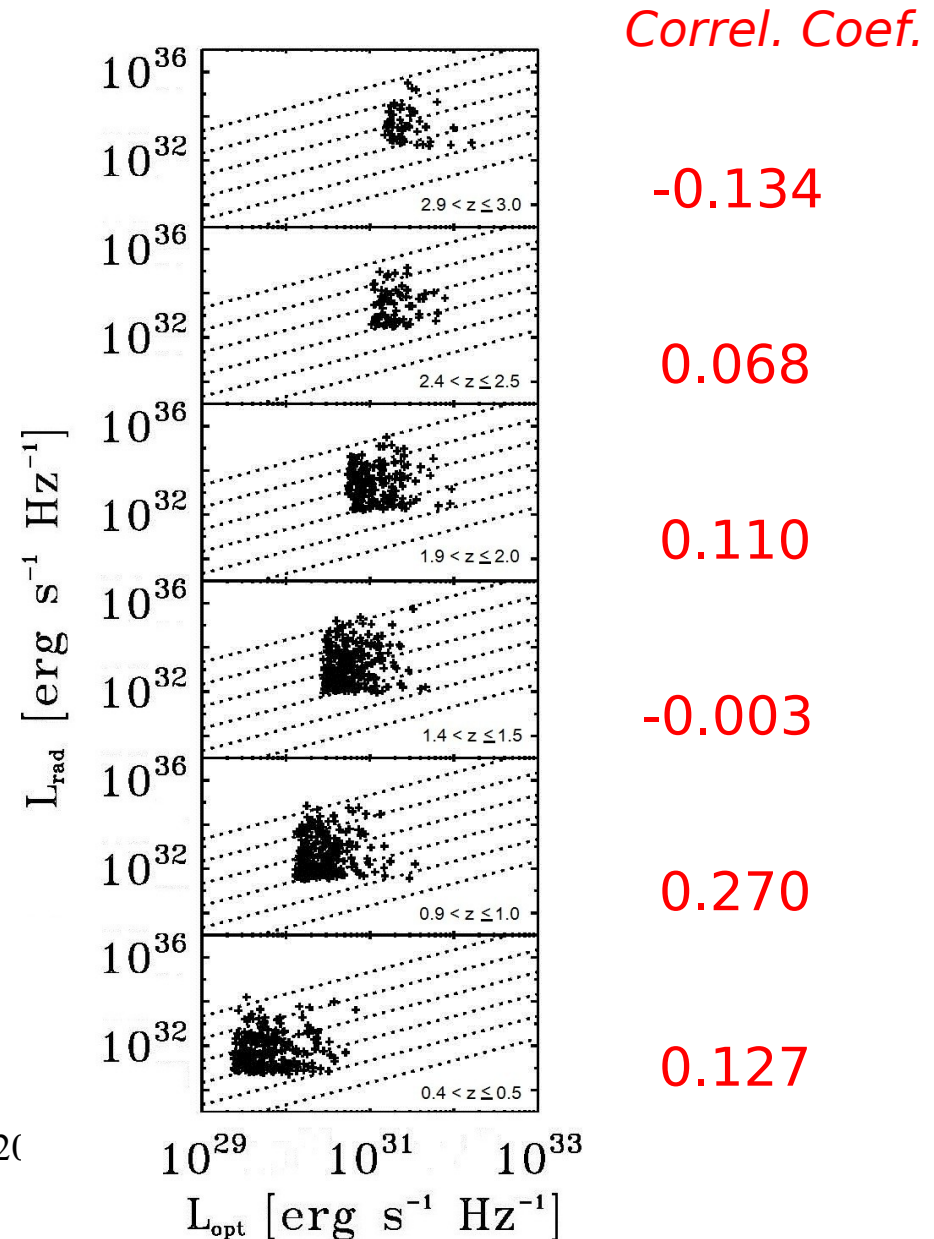
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After correcting for redshift effect

*Correl. Coef. of whole sample = 0.11*



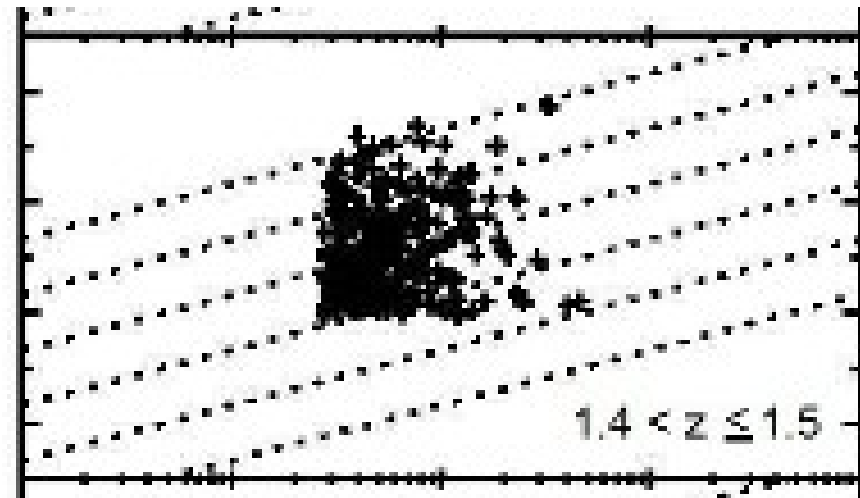
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## Effects of truncation

Appears that we are seeing a  
corner of the distribution

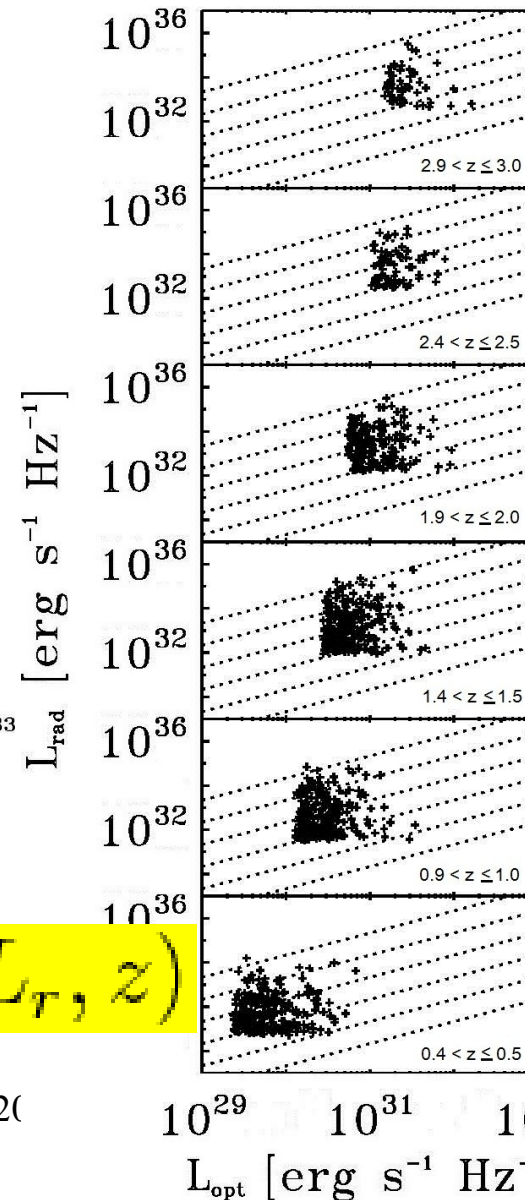
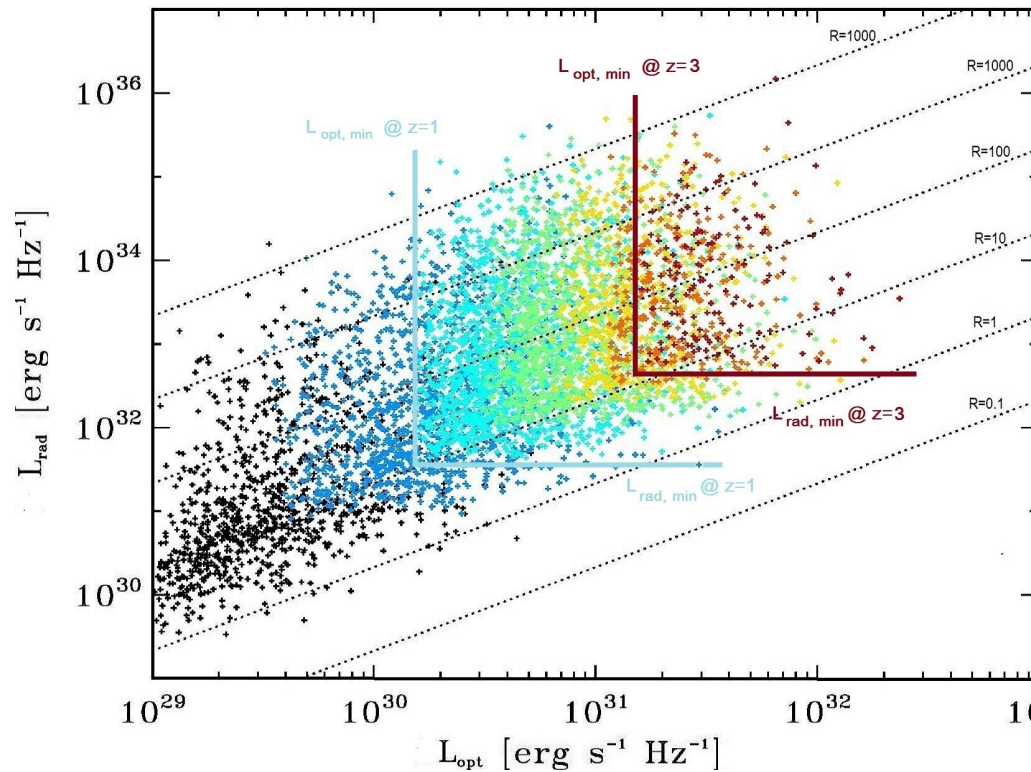
Log-normal distribution with the center outside  
the observed range

Efron and Tibshirani 1996 *Annals of Statistics*



# 1. Luminosity-Luminosity Correlation

*Some preliminary results*



*Correl. Coef.*

**-0.134**

**0.068**

**0.110**

**-0.003**

**0.270**

**0.127**

After correcting for redshift effect

$$\Psi(L_o, L_r, z) = \psi(L_o, z)\psi(L_r, z)$$

# *V. Luminosity and Density Evolutions*

## *Published Results*

Singal, Petrosian et al. 2011,2012

*based on*

## *Non-parametric Maximum Likelihood Method*

Efron and Petrosian 1992,1994, 1999

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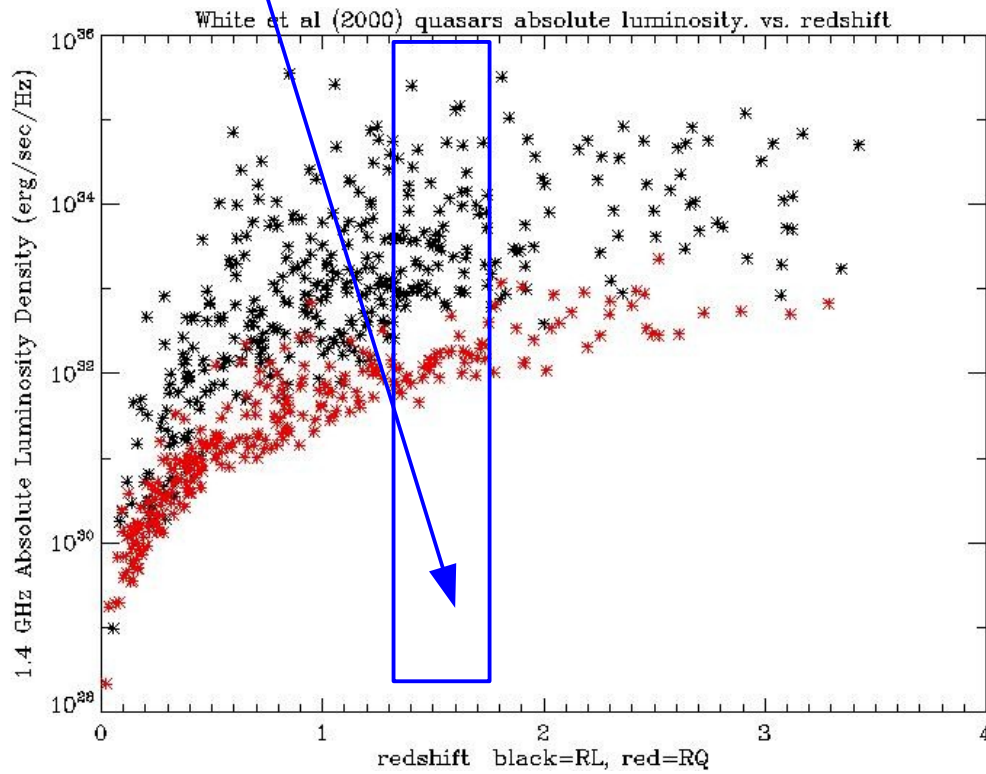
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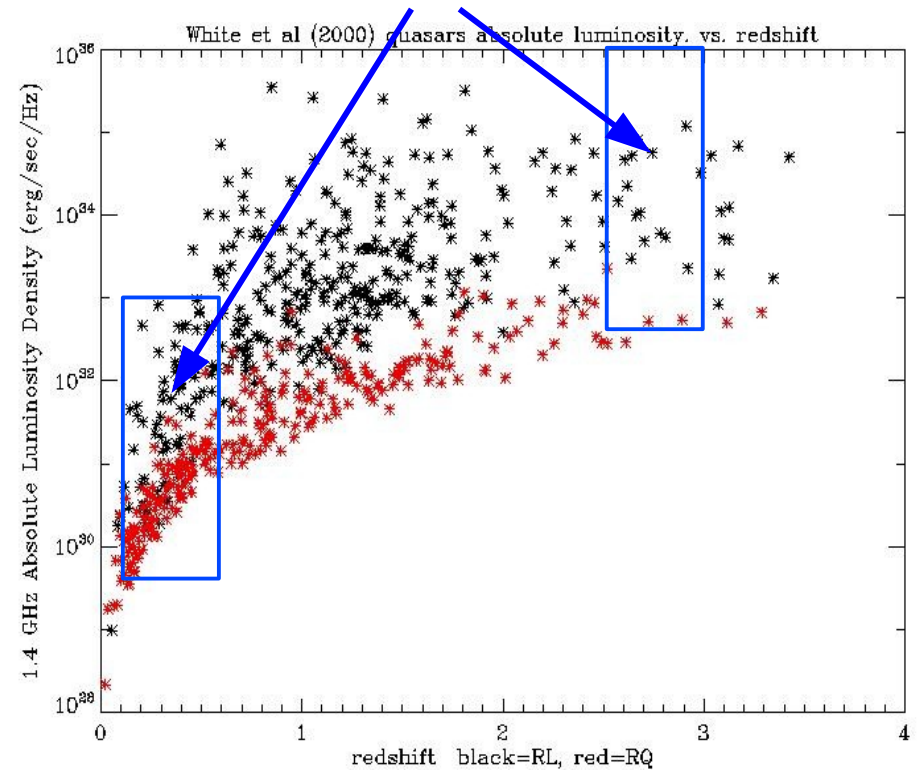
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Binning:

*Empty Bins*



*with little overlap*



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Non-Parametric Methods:

Efron & Petrosian 1992, 1994, 1999

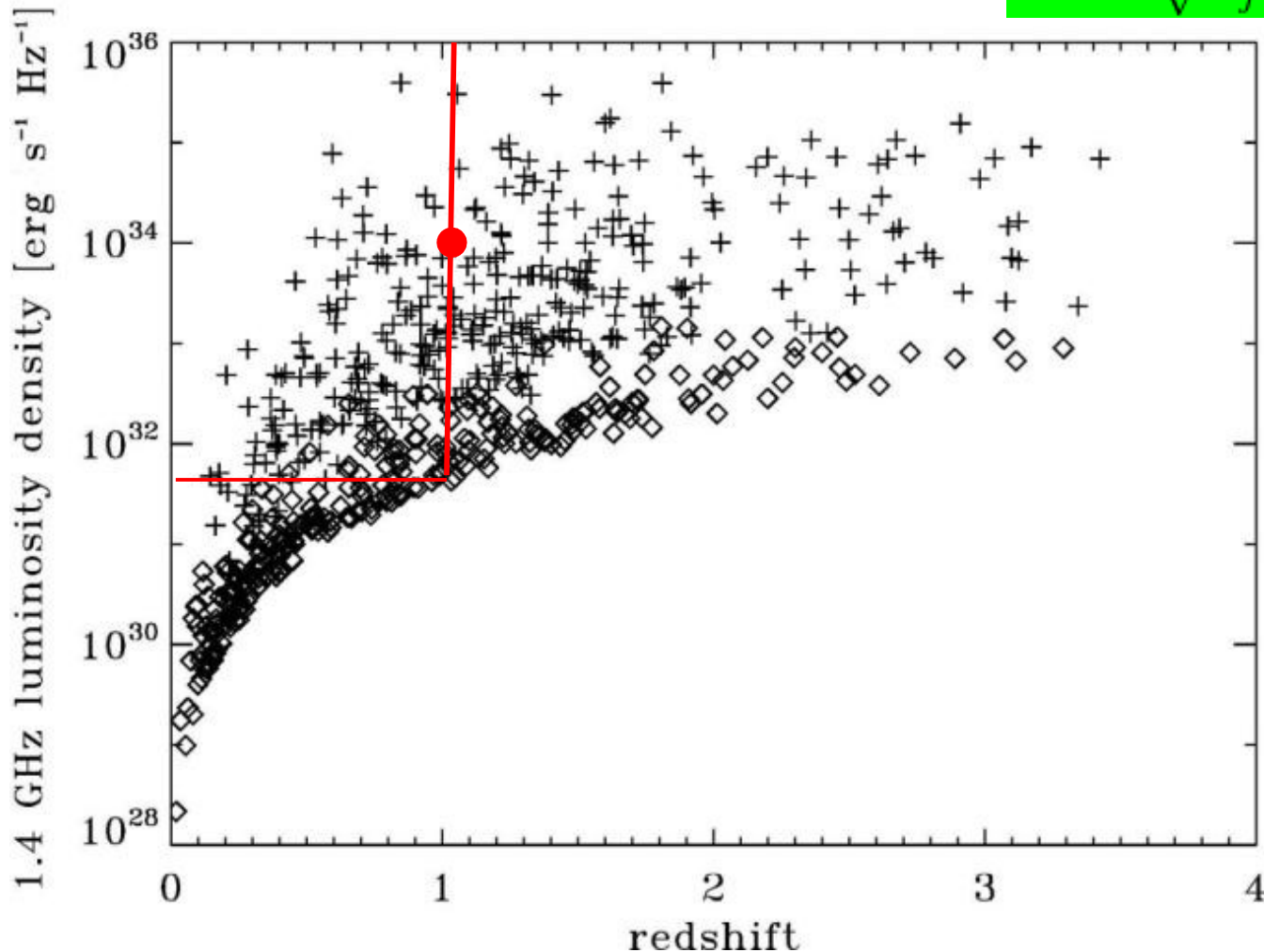
Test for independence  
Remove correlation if any

# Test of Independence

Spearman Rank Order Test: Distribution of Ranks  $R_j$

Kendall's tau Statistic

$$\tau = \frac{\sum_j (R_j - E_j)}{\sqrt{\sum_j V_j}}$$



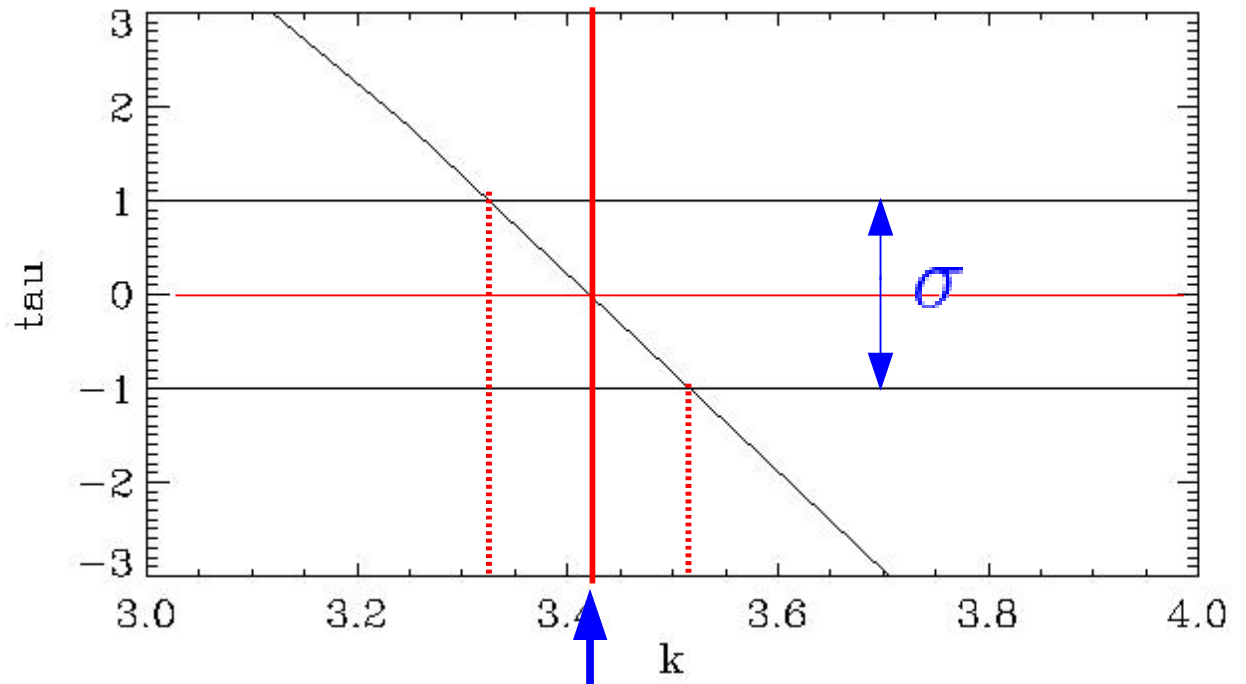
*associated  
set*

# Test of Independence

Remove the correlation by a variable transformation e.g.

$$L' = L \times g(z)$$

$$g(z) = (1 + z)^k$$



### 3. Luminosity Function and Density Evolution

Determine mono-variate distributions of independent variables

*i.e. The Luminosity Function and Density Evolution*

$$\psi(L') \quad \text{and} \quad \rho(z)$$

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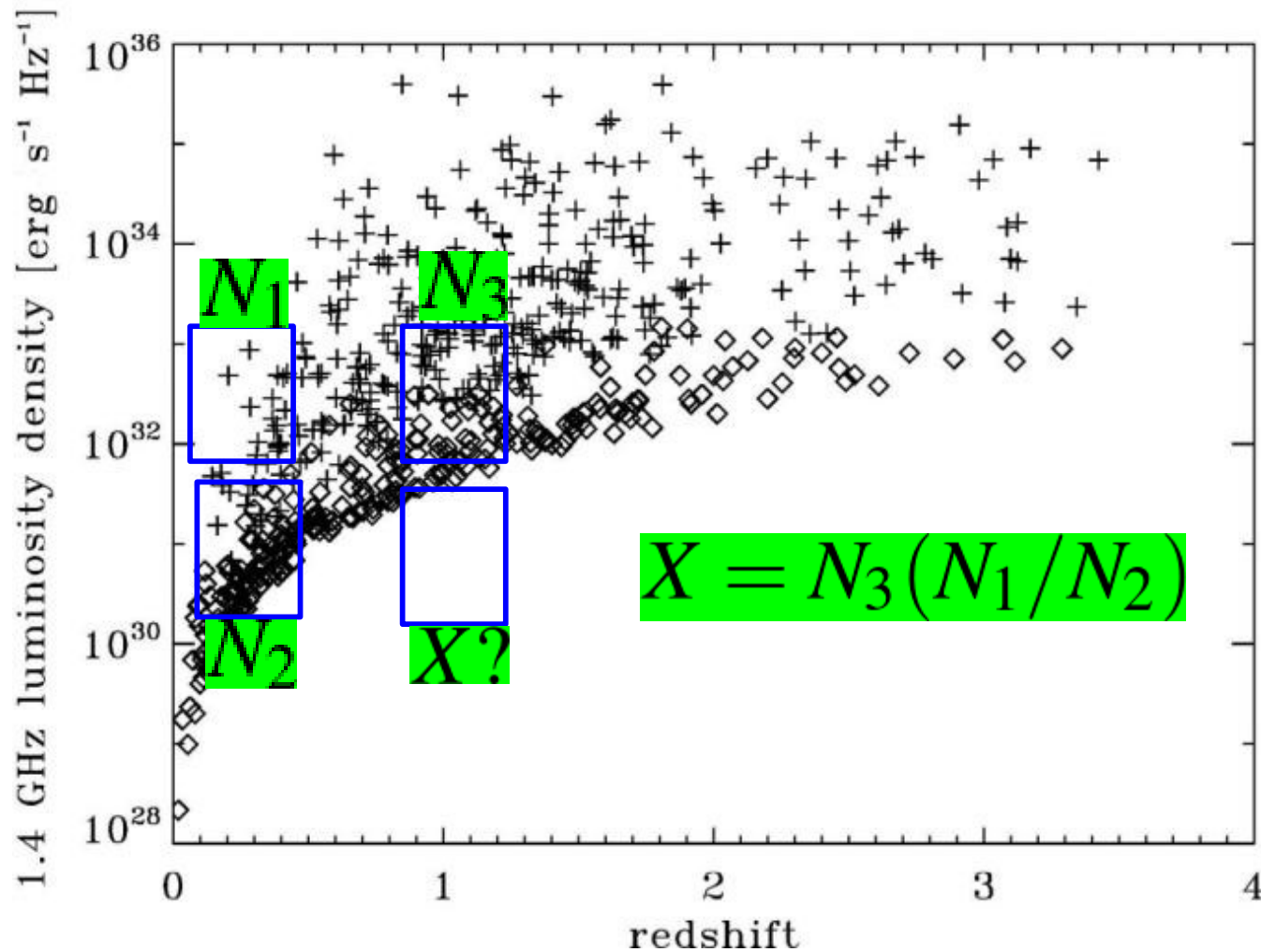
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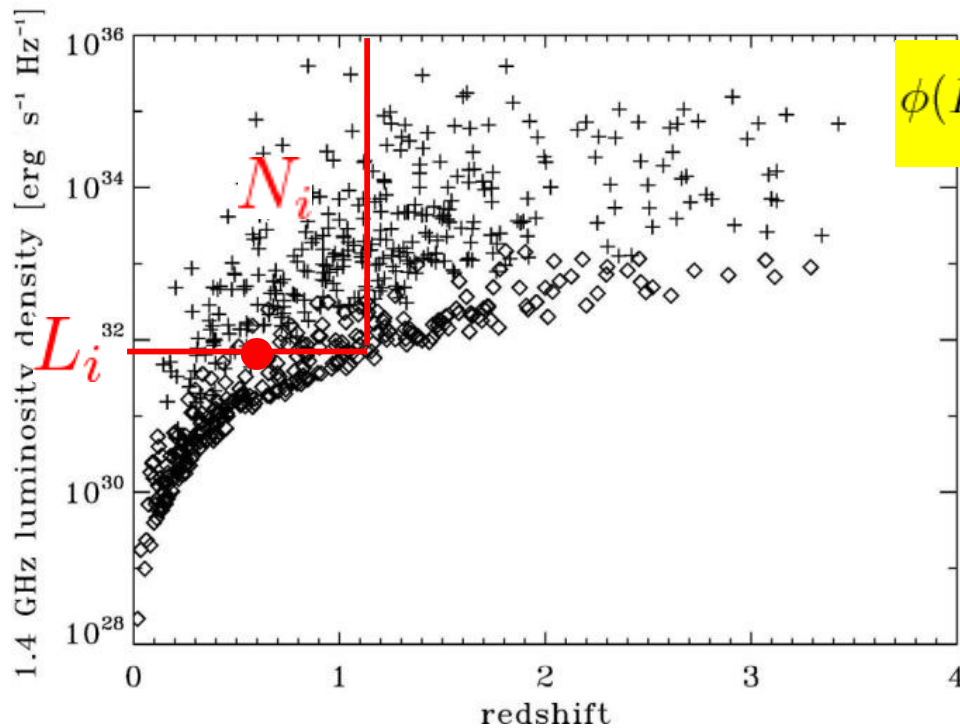
# Must account for truncation *given uncorrelated or independent variables*



Petrosian, 1993

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$N_i$  The associated set of  $L_i$



$$\phi(L_i) = \int_{L_i}^{\infty} \psi(L') dL' = \phi(L_1) \times \prod_{j=1}^i (1 + 1/N_j)$$

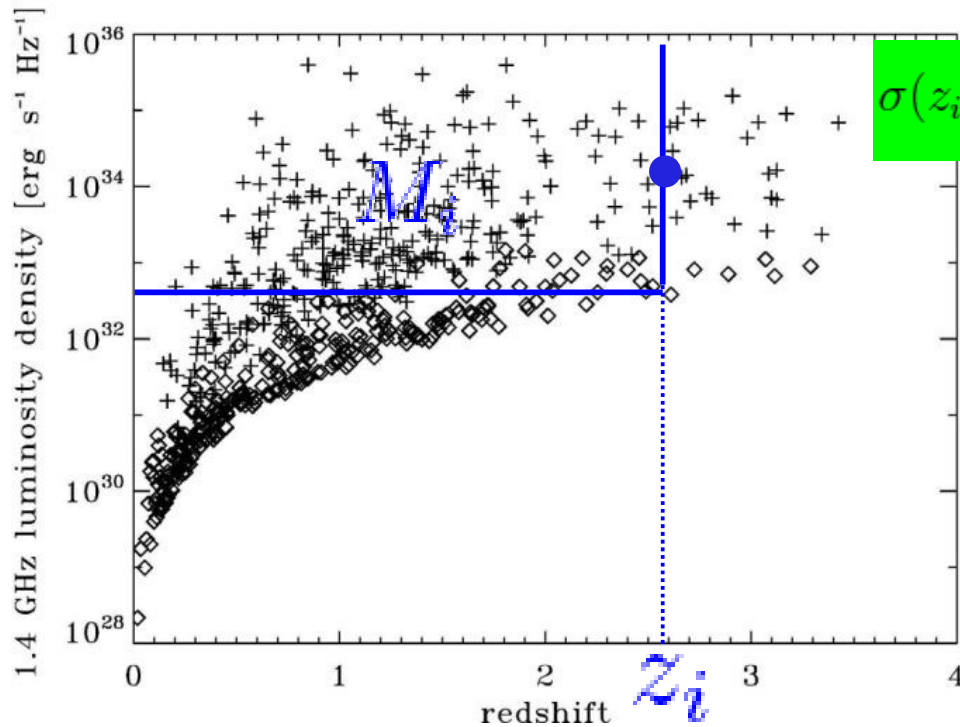
$$\psi(L_i) \sim \frac{\phi(L_i)}{L_{i-1} - L_i} \times \frac{1}{N_i} \quad \text{when } N_i \gg 1$$

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# Must account for truncation

*If uncorrelated or independent*

$M_i$  The associated set of  $z_i$



$$\sigma(z_i) = \int_0^{z_i} \rho(z) (dV/dz) dz = \sigma_1 \prod_{j=1}^i (1 + 1/M_j)$$

$$\rho(z_i) \sim \frac{dz}{dV} \frac{\sigma(z_i)}{z_i - z_{i-1}} \times \frac{1}{M_i} \quad \text{when } M_i \gg 1$$

Petrosian, 1993

# *VI. Application to SDSS X FIRST Sources*

Schneider et al., 2010, *Aj*, 139, 2360 (i mag < 19.1; 65,000 quasars)

Becker et al. 1995, *Apj*, 450, 559 (flux 1.4 GHz > 1 mJy; 300,000 objects)

**Joint quasars 5,445**

# RESULTS

## Step 1. $L_{\text{rad}} - L_{\text{opt}}$ Correlation:

In our case,  $L_{\text{opt}}$  and  $L_{\text{rad}}$  are observed to be correlated.

Is this intrinsic or induced by redshift dependence and evolution?

a. Assume no intrinsic  $L_{\text{rad}} - L_{\text{opt}}$  correlation

b. Assume the correlation induced by redshift

Define  $L' = L_{\text{corr}} = L_{\text{rad}} \times (L_{\text{opt}}/L_0)^{-\alpha}$

Find  $\alpha = 1.2 \pm 0.1$

# RESULTS

## Step 2. Luminosity Evolution

$$L' = L \times g(z) \quad g(z) = (1+z)^k \quad \text{or} \quad g(z) = \frac{(1+z)^k}{1 + \left(\frac{1+z}{1+z_c}\right)^k}$$

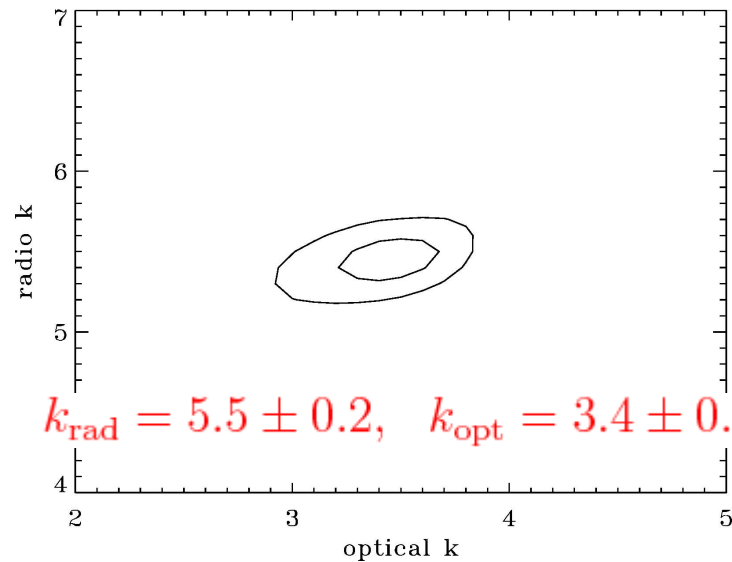
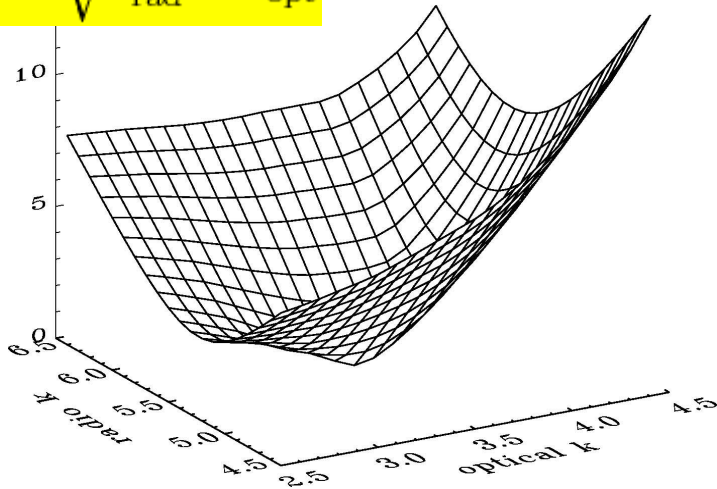
But we have tri-variate function

$$\Psi(L_{\text{opt}}, L_{\text{rad}}, z)$$

And two evolutions parameters

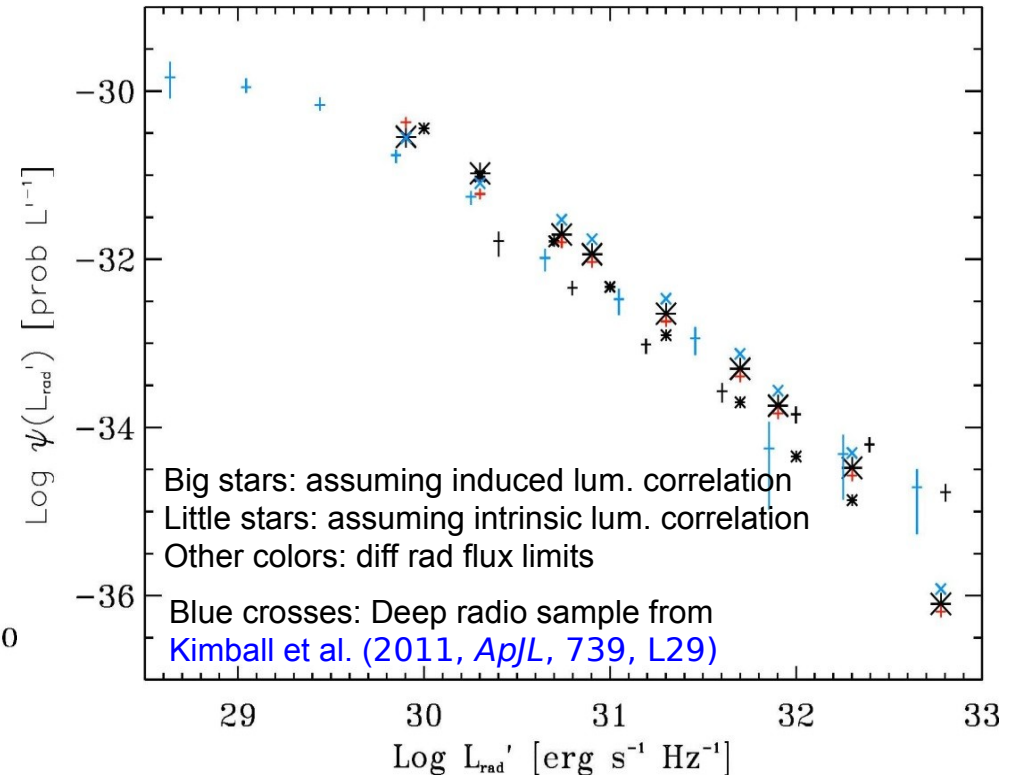
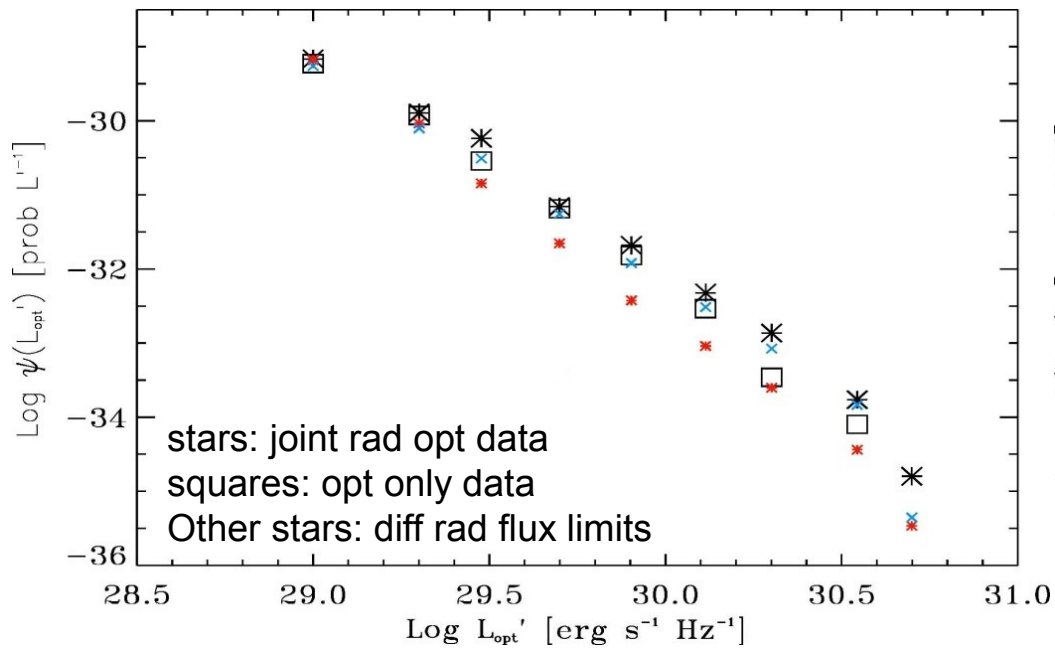
$k_{\text{rad}}$  and  $k_{\text{opt}}$

$$\tau = \sqrt{\tau_{\text{rad}}^2 + \tau_{\text{opt}}^2}$$



# VI. RESULTS

## Step 3. Local Luminosity Functions



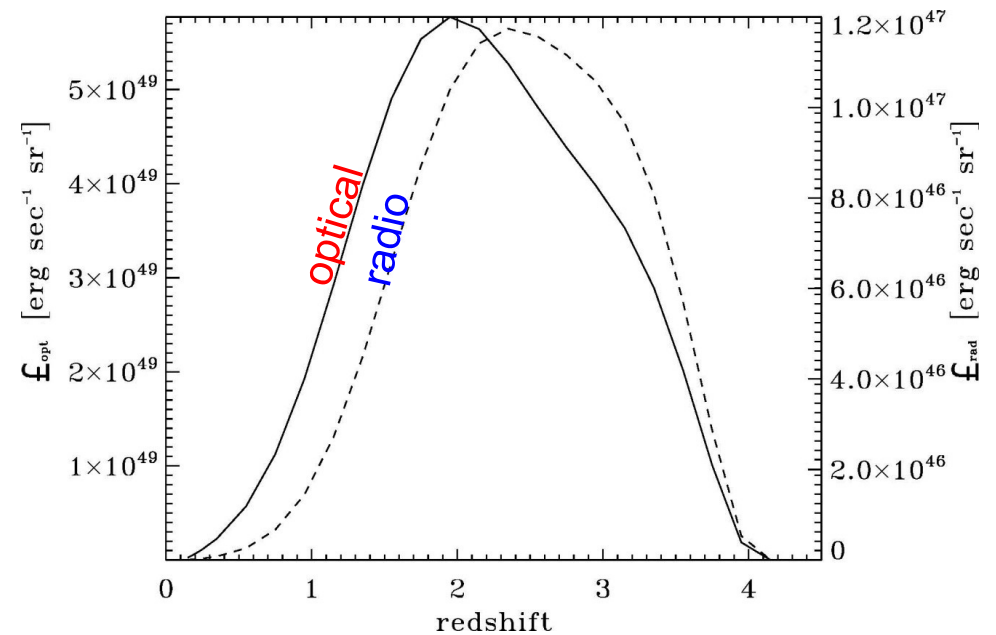
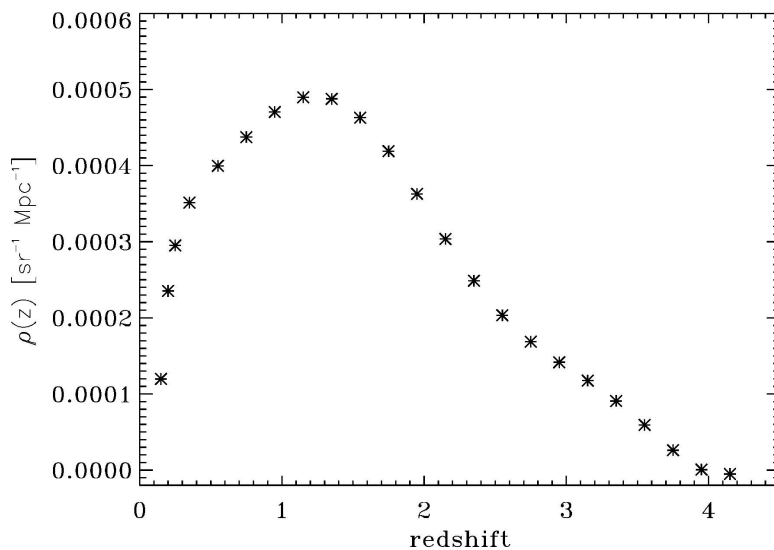
Reasonable agreement with  
[Boyle et al. 2000, MNRAS, 317, 1014](#)

# VI. RESULTS

## Step 4. Co-moving Number Density and “Light” Evolution

$$\rho(z)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(z) = \langle L \rangle g(z) \times \rho(z) (dV/dz)$$





# SUMMARY and CONCLUSIONS

$$I_{\text{tot}} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^\infty \rho(z) \frac{dV(z)}{dz} \int_{L_{\text{min}}}^\infty \frac{L}{4\pi d_L^2} \Psi(L, z) dL$$

1.

# What Do We Need To Do

## 2. Use Sounds Methods to Determine The Tri-Variate Distribution $\Psi(L_{\text{opt}}, L_{\text{rad}}, z)$

Not difficult if variables are *uncorrelated or independent*

$$\Psi(L_o, L_r, z) = \psi_o(L_o)\psi_r(L_r)\rho(z)$$

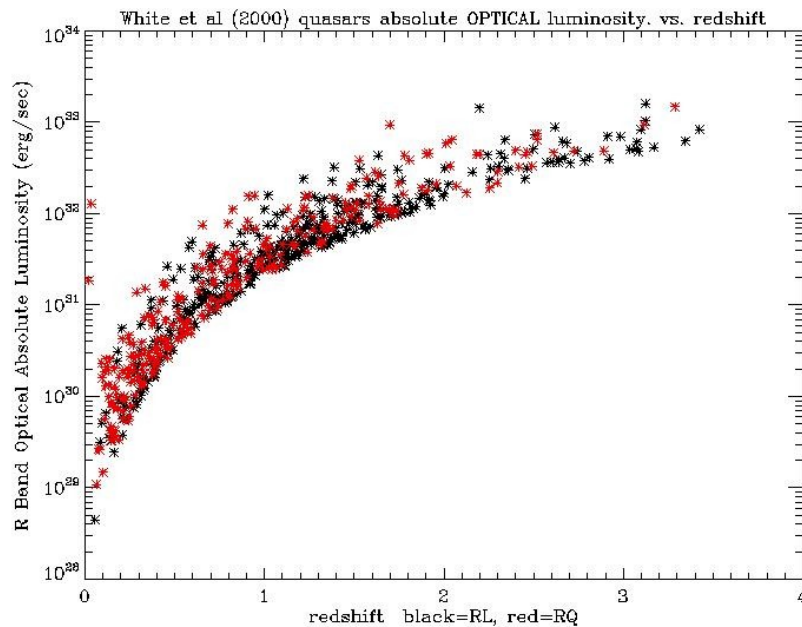
Thus we need to

- Determine the correlations; *Lo-Lr, Lo-z, Lr-z*
- Remove these correlation: *via variable transformation*
- Determine single luminosity functions and the co-moving density evolution

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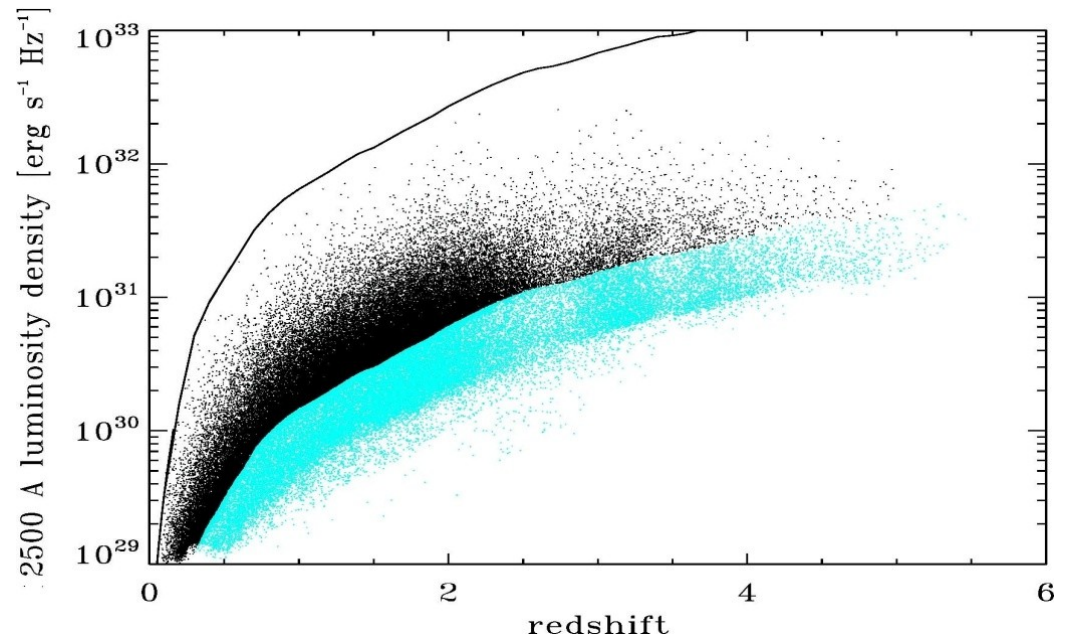
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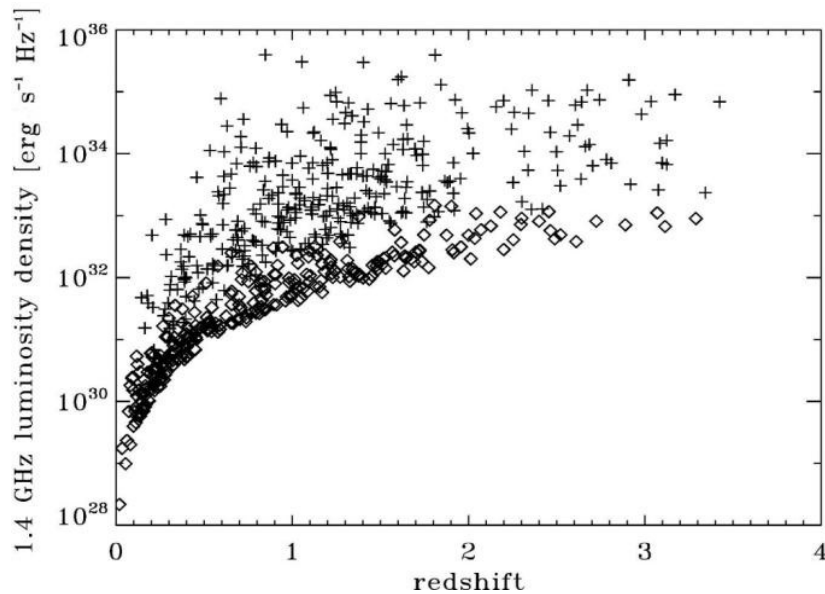
SDSS DR-7 (105 ksources)

Abazajian et al. (2009)

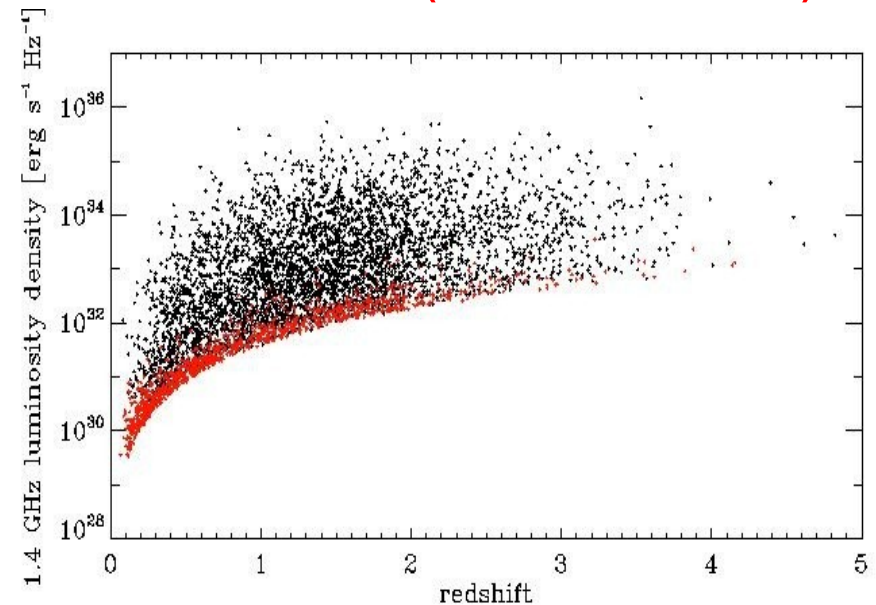


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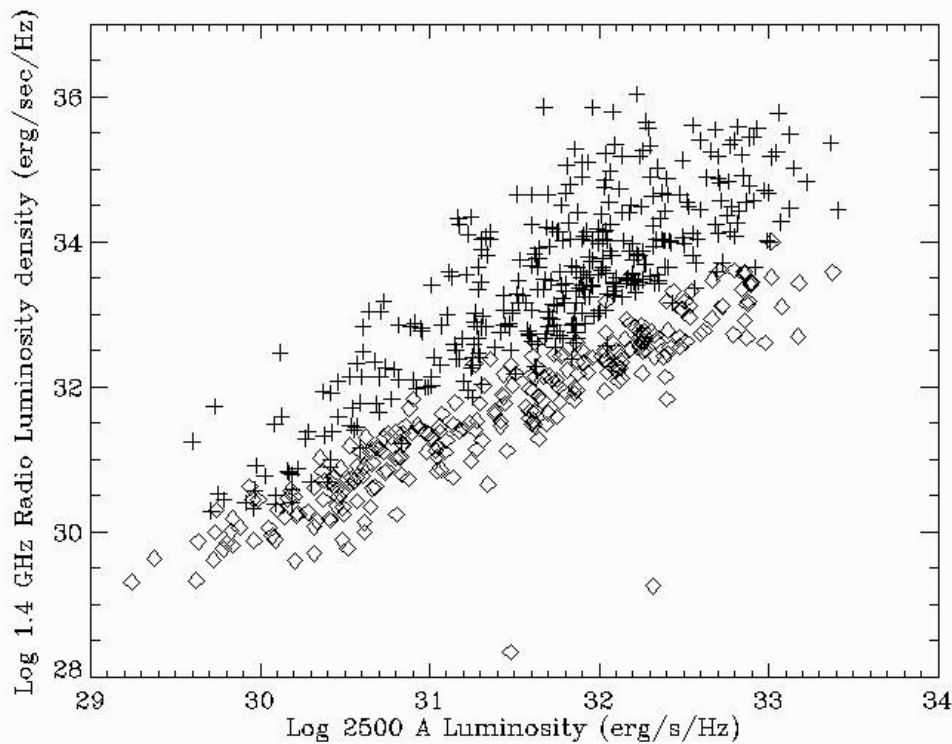


J. Singal, V. Petrosian, A. Lawrence, & L. Stawarz  
2011, *ApJ*, 743, 104

2013, *ApJ*, 764, 43

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