

Exploring the links between quasar winds and radio emission along the main sequence at high redshift[★]

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ABSTRACT

Context. Despite the increasing prevalence of radio-loud (RL) sources at cosmic noon, our understanding of the underlying physics that governs the accretion disc outflows in these particular sources and its dissimilarity with radio-quiet (RQ) quasars remains somewhat limited.

Aims. Disentangling the real impact of the radio-loudness and accretion on the outflow parameters remains a challenge to this day. We present ten new spectra of high-redshift and high-luminosity quasars and combine these with previous data at both high and low redshift with the aim being to evaluate the role of the feedback from RL and RQ AGN. The final high-redshift ($1.5 \lesssim z \lesssim 3.9$), high-luminosity ($47.1 \leq \log(L) \leq 48.5$) sample consists of a combination of 60 quasars from our ISAAC and the Hamburg-ESO surveys. The low-redshift ($z \leq 0.8$) sample has 84 quasars that have been analyzed in the optical and with the Faint Object Spectrograph (FOS) data in the UV.

Methods. We perform a multicomponent analysis of optical and UV emission line profiles along the quasar main sequence, and provide a relation that can be used to estimate the main outflow parameters (mass rate, thrust, and kinetic power) in both the BLR and NLR through the analysis of the [O III] λ 5007 and C IV λ 1549 emission lines.

Results. Spectrophotometric properties and line profile measurements are presented for H β + [O III] λ 4959,5007, Si IV λ 1397+O IV λ 1402, C IV λ 1549+He II λ 1640, and the 1900 Å blend. High-ionization lines, such as C IV λ 1549 and [O III] λ 5007, usually present a significant asymmetry toward the blue, especially in radio-quiet sources. This is strong evidence of outflow motions. In the ISAAC sample, 72% of the quasars where [O III] is clearly detected present significant outflows, with centroid velocity at half intensity blueshifted to values of greater than $\sim 250 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. Radio-loud quasars tend to present slightly more modest blueshifted components in both the UV and optical ranges. The behavior of [O III] λ 5007 mirrors that of C IV λ 1549, with blueshift amplitudes between the two lines showing a high degree of correlation, which appears unaffected by the presence of radio emission.

Conclusions. In contrast to the situation at low redshift, both RL and RQ AGN outflow parameters at high luminosity appear in the range needed to provide feedback effects on their host galaxies. Both high- and low- z RL quasars exhibit smaller outflows compared to RQ quasars, suggesting a potential role of radio-loudness in mitigating outflow effects. Nevertheless, the radio-loudness effect on AGN feedback is much less significant than the effect of accretion, with this latter emerging as the main driver of nuclear outflows.

Key words. quasars: emission lines – quasars: general – quasars: supermassive black holes

1. Introduction

It is now established that quasar spectra do not scatter randomly around an average, and that a systematic scheme is needed to organize their spectral diversity. One of the most successful tools to analyze such objects makes use of independent observational properties obtained from the optical and UV emission lines, as well as from soft X-rays (the 4D Eigenvector 1 (4DE1) correlation space; Boroson & Green 1992; Sulentic et al. 2000b). As part of the 4DE1, it is possible to identify a sequence of quasars in the plane defined by two optical parameters: the full width at half maximum of the H β emission line (FWHM(H β)) and the ratio between the intensities of the blend of Fe II emission lines at 4570 Å and H β ($R_{\text{Fe II}}$). This relation has come to be known as the main sequence of quasars (MS; Sulentic et al. 2000a,b; Marziani et al. 2001; Shen & Ho 2014; Marziani et al. 2018). Several multifrequency correlations associated with the MS are

well established at low redshift and low luminosity (e.g., see the summary tables in Sulentic et al. 2011; Fraix-Burnet et al. 2017).

At low redshift, it appears that the jetted¹ (radio-loud, RL) sources show a preference for the Population B (Pop. B) domain in the MS, while the radio-quiet (RQ) sources are distributed equally between Population A (Pop. A) and Pop. B (Zamfir et al. 2008). This suggests potential differences in spectral and physical properties between RL and RQ sources. The phenomenology involves broader lines for RL than for RQ sources (as most RL sources are in Pop. B), and an optical spectrum showing lower Fe II and a higher ionization degree with respect to full samples of RQ quasars in both the broad-line region (BLR) and the narrow-line region (NLR) (Marziani et al. 2003b; Zamfir et al. 2010; Kovačević-Dojčinović & Popović 2015; Coziol et al. 2017; Ganci et al. 2019). Consequently, the low- z RQ sources seem to follow different distributions

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¹ Here we define “jetted” sources the ones that present a radio-loudness parameter $R_K \gtrsim 1.8$ (also called here as “radio-loud”, Ganci et al. 2019, see also Section 3.4).

Table 1. Source identification of the ISAAC2 sample.

Source (1)	RA (2)	Dec (3)	z (4)	δz (5)	m_H (6)	M_i (7)
PKS0226-038	02 28 53.26	−03 37 05.30	2.0692	0.0002	15.97	−28.55
PKS0237-23	02 40 08.17	−23 09 15.72	2.2298	0.0008	14.52	−29.79
BZQJ0544-2241	05 44 08.63	−22 40 37.10	1.5547	0.0003	14.90	−27.99
PKS0858-279	09 00 40.03	−28 08 20.35	2.1725	0.0007	13.65	−31.26
CTSJ01.03	09 39 51.10	−18 32 15.00	2.3754	0.0004	14.98	−30.07
WB J0948+0855	09 48 53.60	+08 55 14.45	1.9842	0.0016	15.17	−29.01
CTSJ03.14	10 18 21.75	−21 40 07.80	2.4493	0.0003	15.57	−28.51
PKS1448-232	14 51 02.50	−23 29 31.08	2.2264	0.0002	14.97	−29.13
[HB89]1559+088	16 02 22.73	+08 45 38.42	2.2837	0.0007	15.01	−29.02
FBQS J2149-0811	21 49 48.18	−08 10 16.60	2.1295	0.0002	15.74	−28.48

Notes. Column (1) Source identification according to the different catalogues. Columns (2) and (3) Right ascension (hh mm ss) and Declination (dd mm ss) respectively, at J2000 coordinates. (4) Redshift estimated as explained in Section 2.1. (5) Redshift uncertainty. (6) H -band apparent magnitude (m_H) from the 2-MASS catalogue. (7) i -band absolute magnitude M_i .

of Eddington ratio and black hole mass than the RL ones (Woo & Urry 2002; Marziani et al. 2003a; Sikora et al. 2007; Fraix-Burnet et al. 2017). In general, at low- z , RQ sources are the ones that usually present smaller masses and larger Eddington ratios.

Outflows appear to be ubiquitous in both the BLR and NLR (e.g., Coatman et al. 2019; Vietri et al. 2020; Marziani et al. 2022b, and references therein). However, at low z , mild-ionization gas outflows observed in jetted sources appear to be weaker than in the RQ ones (Marziani et al. 1996; Bachev et al. 2004; Punsly 2010; Richards et al. 2011). This may not be at odds with the higher ionization degree revealed in RLs (e.g., Buttiglione et al. 2010; Mengistue et al. 2023), although a full physical explanation is still missing, mainly because of the still-limited scope of detailed studies of accretion disk outflows in RL quasars. This difference between RQ and RL outflows is observed at both high and low redshift. A key distinction is however that at high redshift, the outflows appear significantly stronger compared to those at low redshift (Richards et al. 2011; Sulentic et al. 2017; Deconto-Machado et al. 2023). At low-redshift ranges, many authors have found ionized gas outflows on kiloparsec (kpc) scales; however their impact is only in the central region of the galaxies (e.g., Kim et al. 2023, and references therein).

An increasing number of RL sources are being discovered at cosmic noon (e.g., Patil et al. 2022; Breiding et al. 2023, and references therein). Their rest-frame optical properties remain poorly studied, as they require high-signal-to-noise-ratio (S/N) moderate-dispersion IR spectroscopy. For this reason, we obtained new IR spectroscopic observations for a further ten high-redshift ($z \sim 1.5$ – 2.5) and high-luminosity ($M_B \lesssim -27$) quasars. The targets are intended to cover the rest-frame $H\beta$ range, and include both RQ and jetted (or RL) objects, completing the sample reported in Deconto-Machado et al. (2023) hereafter Paper I). Our main aim is to clarify the origin of several phenomenological differences between RL and RQ and in particular the relation between accretion status, accretion disk outflows, and the presence of powerful relativistic ejections, exploiting the MS and its correlation with the C IV $\lambda 1549$ and [O III] $\lambda \lambda 4959, 5007$ emission.

In addition to the rest-frame optical data, we collected archival rest-frame UV data for the targets in the present paper and in Paper I, and we defined comparison samples for which both rest-frame UV and optical data are available (Section 2).

The data analysis includes a discussion about UV and optical regions for the two different quasar populations and the spectral types that have been defined along the quasar MS (Section 3). The measurements carried out in both the optical (Fe II, $H\beta$, +[O III] $\lambda \lambda 4959, 5007$) and UV (Si IV $\lambda 1397$, C IV $\lambda 1549$, and the 1900 Å blend) regions are reported in Section 4, and their interpretation in terms of the outflow dynamical parameters is presented in Section 5. We show that the RQ and RL populations are both associated with high Eddington ratios at high luminosity, and that BLR and NLR scale outflows are consistently powerful, albeit they are somewhat weaker in RL sources. This difference between RQ and RL outflows might be due to an apparently minor effect related to the propagation of the relativistic jet. In Section 6, we summarize our key findings and discuss some implications of our results.

2. Samples

2.1. The new ISAAC2 sample

New near-infrared (NIR) spectroscopic observations for ten quasars (hereafter ISAAC2 sample) were obtained to cover the high-redshift ($1.55 \leq z \leq 2.45$) and high-luminosity ($47.18 \leq \log L_{\text{bol}} \leq 48.14$ [erg s $^{-1}$]) ranges. The redshift range of this sample allows the detection and observation of the $H\beta$ + [O III] $\lambda \lambda 4959, 5007$ region through the transparent window in the NIR with the ISAAC spectrograph at the VLT. These spectra, together with those from Paper I complete what we refer to from now on as the ISAAC sample (32 sources in total), which is described in more detail in Sect. 2.2.

Table 1 lists the main properties of the ISAAC2 sample. The redshift was estimated using a similar approach to that used in Paper I. For five sources (PKS0226-038, PKS0858-279, CTSJ01.03, CTSJ03.14, and PKS1448-232), the redshift estimation relied on the observed wavelength of the narrow component (NC) of $H\beta$, which is also consistent with the central wavelength of the [O III] NC. For PKS0237-23, BZQJ0544-2241, [HB89]1559+088, and FBQS J2149-0811, the redshift was determined using the broad component (BC) of $H\beta$, whose peak wavelength agrees with the peak of a very faint $H\beta$ NC in all cases except PKS0237-23 and [HB89]1559+088, where the NC is only barely detected. In the case of WB J0948+0855, the presence of strong telluric bands, combined with the fact that the $H\beta$ region is at the edge of the spectrum, significantly affect

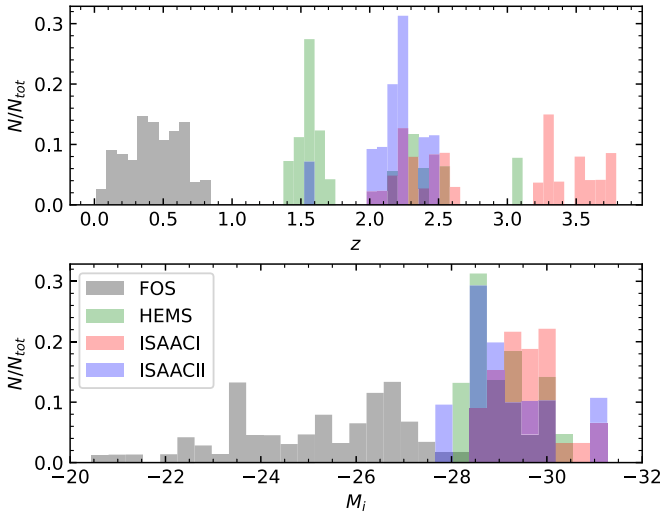


Fig. 1. Distributions of z and M_i for FOS, HEMS, ISAAC1 from Paper I, and the new ISAAC2 data. Each distribution was normalised separately.

the estimation of the $H\beta$ peak centroid, leading to large uncertainties. Therefore, we used the $Mg\ II\lambda\lambda 2796,2803$ doublet from the SDSS UV spectrum to determine the redshift for this source (see spectral fitting in Fig. 6 of the additional Zenodo file). The luminosity distance was estimated from the redshift using the approximation reported in Sulentic et al. (2006), which is valid for $\Omega_M = 0.3$, $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.7$, and $H_0 = 70\text{ km s}^{-1}\text{ Mpc}^{-1}$.

2.2. The complete ISAAC sample

Our complete ISAAC sample comprises 32 quasars, consisting of 22 sources from Paper I, along with the ten new objects presented in this work. These quasars are characterized by high redshift values, ranging from $z = 1.55$ to $z = 3.80$, and high luminosity ($47.18 \lesssim \log L_{\text{bol}} \lesssim 48.36$ [erg s $^{-1}$]), including both RL (10) and RQ (22) sources. The ISAAC sample was selected from the catalog of Véron-Cetty & Véron (2010, VCV), among the type 1 quasars observable from the Paranal Observatory, with declination $\delta \leq 25^\circ$, and with a redshift of between 1 and 4 according to VCV (from where the first estimation of the redshift was obtained), which would allow good coverage of the $H\beta$ and [O III] region through the NIR windows with the ISAAC spectrograph at the VLT. Figure 1 shows the distribution in z and M_i of the complete ISAAC sample, along with the other samples considered in this work (described in Sect. 2.3). The ISAAC2 sample exhibits a very similar M_i range to ISAAC1, although ISAAC1 has a more extended distribution in the z context, with some cases reaching redshifts of as high as ~ 3.8 .

2.3. Other samples

This work includes two additional, previously published samples, at high and low redshift (including RL and RQ sources). Ultraviolet and optical spectra are available for both, and these were analyzed using the same approach for the decomposition of the emission line profiles. These two additional samples are as follows:

High-redshift Hamburg-ESO sample (hereafter, HEMS). The HEMS sample consists of the 28 high-luminosity and high-redshift objects with measurements reported by Sulentic et al. (2017), where a detailed analysis (based on the same methodol-

ogy as that used for our ISAAC sample) of the $H\beta$ and C IV $\lambda 1549$ broad emission lines is presented. This sample was selected for having additional UV spectra from the original 52 sources with ISAAC $H\beta$ observations of the Hamburg-ESO (HE) sample discussed in Sulentic et al. (2004, 2006) and Marziani et al. (2009). These sources are extremely luminous ($47.5 \lesssim \log L_{\text{bol}} \lesssim 48$ [erg s $^{-1}$]) and are located in a redshift range of $1.4 \lesssim z \lesssim 3.1$. The radio properties of the HEMS sample are listed in Table 2 (available at the CDS), together with the UV and optical full profile measured parameters for this sample and used in this paper. From the 28 quasars, 24 are classified as RQ, while four are RL sources. We combine these data with our ISAAC1+ISAAC2 sources to build a high-luminosity sample to be analyzed in the present work. As can be seen in Fig. 1, the HEMS sample shares similar i -band absolute magnitudes with the ISAAC sample.

Low-redshift FOS data. The low-luminosity sample was selected from Sulentic et al. (2007), who analyzed the C IV $\lambda 1549$ emission line parameters of 130 low-redshift sources observed with the Faint Object Spectrograph (FOS) on board HST. Of these 130 quasars, 84 have optical spectra available in the recent literature, and we reanalyzed them following the same approach as that used for the ISAAC data. We use this sample as a comparison sample at low L for both optical and UV spectral ranges. Table 2 also lists the radio properties and the UV and optical full profile parameters (velocity centroids at half ($c(1/2)$) and one-quarter ($c(1/4)$) of the intensity of C IV and [O III]) of the FOS sample. This sample includes both RQ and RL (50 and 34 sources, respectively) and has a typical bolometric luminosity of ~ 45.6 [ergs $^{-1}$] and a redshift of $z \leq 0.8$, as shown in Fig. 1.

In the analysis carried out in Sects. 4 and 5, our high- z high-luminosity sample (including RQ and RL sources) consists of the combination of the full ISAAC (ISAAC1+ISAAC2) and HEMS samples, as they share similar redshift and luminosity ranges. This high- z sample consists of 60 sources in total (32 from ISAAC and 28 from HEMS), of which 58 objects have an [O III] detection. For the other 2, in the case of SDSSJ005700.18+143737.7, [O III] is located very close to the edge of the spectrum, and for WB J0948+0855, the region is completely affected by absorption lines. From these 58 sources, 34 are identified as blue outliers in [O III] (i.e., velocity shifts at half intensity $c(1/2)$ higher than -250 km s^{-1} ; see Sect. 4.1), with 20 sources from ISAAC (representing $\sim 62\%$ of the sample) and 14 from HEMS ($\sim 50\%$ of the sample). Regarding C IV at high z , data are available for 48 (20 from ISAAC and 28 from HEMS), wherein blueshifts are identified in all sources but HE2355–4621.

The low- z low-luminosity sample consists of the 84 reanalyzed FOS sources, for which measurement data are available for both [O III] and C IV. Among them, 11 sources in [O III] and 21 in C IV present a significant blueshifted component. For both emission lines, a source is classified as a blue outlier and consequently considered to have an outflow if its full profile exhibits a velocity centroid at half peak intensity $c(1/2) < -250\text{ km s}^{-1}$. Also for the FOS low- z sample, when the [O III] full profile shows slightly smaller $c(1/2)$ blueshift, the object is identified with an outflow if its blueshifted component (after the spectral fitting; see Section 3.3) has a significant intensity ($\geq 40\%$) relative to the full profile. The list of sources identified as outliers is reported in Table A.1.

Throughout Sections 4 and 5, the sample size depends on the analysis done. We consider the complete samples (i.e., the 60 sources at high z and 84 ones at low z) when discussing the general behavior of the profiles or, for example, of the effect of

Table 3. Log of optical observations with VLT/ISAAC.

Source	Date obs.	Band	DIT	N _{exp}	Airmass
	(start)		(s)		start-end
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
PKS0226-038	Jan. 27, 2011	sH	160	16	1.50–1.87
PKS0237-23	Nov. 17, 2010	sH	140	16	1.48–1.78
BZQJ0544-2241	Nov. 24, 2010	J	145	24	1.01–1.04
PKS0858-279	Oct. 13, 2010	sH	140	8	1.79–1.46
CTSJ01.03	Oct. 27, 2010	sH	180	12	1.65–1.41
WB J0948+0855	Jan. 26, 2011	sH	160	12	1.27–1.21
CTSJ03.14	Nov. 23, 2010	sH	160	12	1.34–1.18
PKS1448-232	Jan. 31, 2011	sH	160	16	2.01–1.58
[HB89]1559+088	Feb. 01, 2011	sH	170	16	2.19–1.70
FBQS J2149-0811	Oct. 26, 2010	sH	160	16	1.09–1.23

Notes. (1) Source identification. (2) Date of observation. (3) Grating used. (4) Individual Detector Integration Time (DIT). (5) Number of exposures with single exposure time equal to DIT. (6) Range of air mass of the observations.

radio-loudness on the line profiles both in C IV and [O III]. However, when addressing outflows and their dynamical parameters, only the objects identified as exhibiting blueshifted components are taken into account.

3. Observations and data analysis

3.1. NIR observations and data reduction

The new spectra were taken in service mode in 2010 and 2011 under the ESO programme 086.B-0774(A), with the IR spectrometer ISAAC mounted at the Nasmyth A focus of VLT-U3 (Melipal) at the ESO Paranal Observatory. A summary of the observations is listed in Table 3.

Reductions were performed following a standard methodology in NIR observations, that is, using standard IRAF routines, and following the procedures described in Paper I. Pairs of spectra were taken by nodding the telescope between two positions, A and B, displaced on the CCD frame and following an ABBA cycle, as this allows a better subtraction of the sky.

The wavelength calibration was achieved from xenon and argon arc spectra with rms residuals of 0.4 Å in J and 0.6 Å in sH. This wavelength calibration was corrected for small zero-order offsets by measuring the centroids of several OH sky lines against the arc calibration. The 2D wavelength-calibrated spectra (A and B) of each pair AB or BA were rebinned to a common linear wavelength scale. The sky background was then subtracted using the double-subtraction technique. For each rebinned wavelength 2D spectra, we computed a frame (A–B or B–A), so that the reduced image (AB or BA) consists of two spectra of the source, one positive and one negative, positioned as separated by the nod throw and in which the sky has been removed. We then extracted the 1D wavelength-calibrated spectra using the task `apsum`, creating one spectrum for each nodding position. The 1D –B (or –A) spectrum was subtracted again to obtain a final 1D A–(–B) = A+B spectrum for each observing AB and BA sequence of the ABBA cycle. Finally, all double-subtracted spectra were stacked together.

The absolute flux calibration was performed through observations of standard telluric stars, with the same setup as that used to obtain quasar spectra. The standard star spectral energy distributions (SEDs) were retrieved from the Library of Stellar Spec-

Table 4. UV spectra information.

Source	UV Spect.
(1)	(2)
PKS0226-038	BOSS
PKS0237-23	Wilkes et al. (1983)
BZQJ0544-2241	Perlman et al. (1998)
PKS0858-279	Stickel et al. (1993)
CTSJ01.03	Tytler et al. (2004)
WB J0948+0855	BOSS
CTSJ03.14	6dFGS
PKS1448-232	...
[HB89]1559+088	SDSS
FBQS J2149-0811	...

Notes. (1) Source identification. (2) Database of reference from which the UV spectra were obtained.

tra for spectrophotometric calibration available at ESO². The absolute flux scale for the standard star was provided by the Two Micron All Sky Survey (2MASS, [Skrutskie et al. 2006](#)) magnitudes. Each standard star SED spectrum was then divided by its corresponding spectrum in order to correct for the atmospheric absorption features (IRAF routine `telluric`). Spectra were also corrected for galactic extinction.

As a final step, we evaluated the absolute flux calibration uncertainty on the quasar spectra by performing a comparison between the *J/H*-band magnitudes estimated by convolving the *J/H* 2MASS filter with the observed spectrum and the *J/H* magnitudes in the NASA/IPAC Extragalactic Database (NED). The average difference between 2MASS and our flux estimations is 0.026 mag, with the largest value of 0.091 ± 0.018 mag found for CTSJ01.03.

3.2. Optical data

Eight out of the ten new sources from the ISAAC2 sample have rest-frame UV spectra that cover at least one of the three regions of our interest (i.e., Si IV λ 1397+O IV λ 1402, C IV λ 1549+He II λ 1402, and the 1900 Å blend regions). Table 4 reports the database or reference from which each UV spectrum was obtained. For four quasars (PKS0237-23, BZQJ0544-2241, PKS0858-279, and CTSJ01.03) it was necessary to digitize the spectra from the respective references reported in Table 4. This process was performed using the WebPlotDigitizer facility³. The only sources for which we could not find useful UV spectra are PKS1448-232 and FBQS J2149-0811. For these two quasars, the available UV spectra have an insufficient S/N to perform the fittings.

3.3. Data analysis

We carried out our spectral analysis in two complementary ways, following the methodology described in Paper I. After setting the spectra at rest-frame, we performed a multicomponent fit using the `specfit` (Kriss 1994) routine from the IRAF package. This routine allows a simultaneous minimum- χ^2 fit of the continuum approximated by a power law, a scalable Fe II (or Fe III) pseudo-continuum, and the spectral line components, yielding the full

² https://www.eso.org/sci/observing/tools/standards/-IR_spectral_library.html

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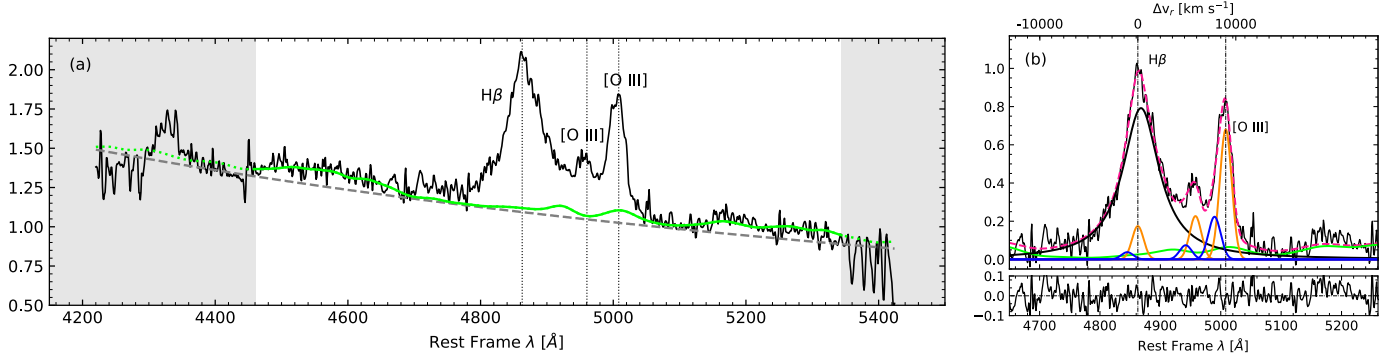


Fig. 2. Example of an ISAAC spectrum and of the decomposition analysis of the emission lines. (a) Rest-frame optical spectrum of CTSJ01.03. The white area shows the spectral region used in the fitting. The gray dashed line indicates the continuum level obtained with the `spectfit` multicomponent fitting. Fe II contributions are represented by the green line. (b) Example of the $H\beta$ + $[O III]$ emission line decomposition (*upper panel*) and its respective residuals (*bottom panel*). Black, orange, and blue lines indicate the broad, the narrow, and the blueshifted components of the profile, respectively. The final fit is shown by the pink dashed line.

Table 5. Measurements on the $H\beta$ full broad line profile and derived properties of the $H\beta$ region.

Source	$F_{5100 \text{ \AA}}$	F_{tot}	W [Å]	FWHM [km s ⁻¹]	A.I.	c(1/4) [km s ⁻¹]	c(1/2) [km s ⁻¹]	c(3/4) [km s ⁻¹]	c(9/10) [km s ⁻¹]	$R_{\text{Fe II}}$	ST	$\log L_{\text{bol}}$ [erg s ⁻¹]	$\log M_{\text{BH}}$ [$M_{\odot}$]	$\log L/L_{\text{Edd}}$
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)
Population A														
BZQJ0544-2241	4.53	2.52	51	5191 ± 458	-0.05 ± 0.09	-266 ± 402	-174 ± 93	-94 ± 141	-57 ± 170	0.69	A2	47.52	9.66	-0.31
WB J0948+0855 ^(a)	2.88	1.27	43	5580 ± 494	0.00 ± 0.11	-1 ± 456	-1 ± 92	0 ± 149	0 ± 184	0.89	A2	47.45	9.74	-0.46
CTSJ01.03	1.96	1.73	81	4551 ± 403	0.00 ± 0.20	320 ± 372	321 ± 75	321 ± 122	321 ± 150	0.21	A1	47.37	9.52	-0.33
FBQS J2149-0811	1.73	1.80	113	4992 ± 442	0.00 ± 0.11	0 ± 408	0 ± 82	-1 ± 133	-1 ± 165	0.23	A1	47.26	9.55	-0.46
Population B														
PKS0226-038	1.48	0.99	66	5280 ± 420	0.46 ± 0.05	2874 ± 646	109 ± 53	-45 ± 140	-86 ± 190	0.62	B2	47.18	9.44	-0.44
PKS0237-23	5.19	4.48	89	7986 ± 821	0.31 ± 0.11	2546 ± 389	1374 ± 65	730 ± 211	574 ± 262	0.42	B1	47.76	9.85	-0.27
PKS0858-279 ^(a)	12.9	7.84	56	5385 ± 402	0.15 ± 0.11	790 ± 388	299 ± 61	191 ± 141	159 ± 191	0.47	B1	48.14	9.91	0.05
CTSJ03.14 ^(a)	3.44	3.61	102	4056 ± 305	0.07 ± 0.09	271 ± 274	100 ± 52	62 ± 106	50 ± 143	0.38	B1	47.62	9.36	0.08
PKS1448-232	3.43	4.53	129	4397 ± 364	0.54 ± 0.09	3664 ± 745	263 ± 47	150 ± 114	122 ± 153	0.07	B1	47.58	9.43	-0.02
[HB89]1559+088	3.31	3.66	110	5802 ± 514	0.01 ± 0.18	71 ± 750	-314 ± 115	-39 ± 157	13 ± 184	0.29	B1	47.57	9.56	-0.16

Notes. (1) Source identification. (2) Flux of the continuum on the 5100 Å wavelength, corrected for galactic extinction, in units of 10^{-15} erg s⁻¹ cm⁻² Å⁻¹. (3) Full $H\beta$ line flux (i.e., the flux for all broad line components, BC, and VBC, and BLUE whenever appropriate), in units of 10^{-13} erg s⁻¹ cm⁻². (4) $H\beta$ equivalent width W . (5) FWHM. (6) Asymmetry index (A.I.). (7), (8), (9), (10) Centroid velocity shifts at $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, and $\frac{9}{10}$ fractional intensities. (11) Ratio $R_{\text{Fe II}}$ (see Sect. 4.2). (12) Spectral types according to the quasar main sequence. (13) Bolometric luminosity. (14) Black hole mass. (15) Eddington ratio. ^(a) $H\beta$ profile may be affected by the correction of the telluric absorptions present in the spectrum (see Zenodo).

width at half maximum (FWHM), the peak wavelength, and the intensity of all line components (see Fig. 2 of Paper I for an illustration of the decomposition analysis of the broad lines). We also include absorption lines in the event that some emission profiles (usually those of C IV) are affected by them. In addition, we performed a study of the full broad emission line profiles after subtracting the continuum power law, Fe II, and the narrow components.

3.3.1. $H\beta$ spectral region

In the $H\beta$ region fittings, apart from the power law and the scalable Fe II template, for the $H\beta$ BLR broad emission line, we include: (1) a broad component (BC), which is symmetric and typically set at the rest-frame wavelength (Lorentzian-like shape for Pop. A and Gaussian for Pop. B); a very broad component (VBC), representing the innermost part of the BLR, characterized by a Gaussian shape and only present in Pop. B; and (3) a blueshifted component (BLUE), if needed, represented by a Gaussian profile (with the option of being skewed). In addition, we include a narrow component superimposed on the broad $H\beta$

that may include up to two components: the proper narrow component (NC), usually with $\text{FWHM} \leq 1200$ km s⁻¹ and fitted as an unshifted Gaussian; and a semi-broad component (SBC), represented by a blueshifted (symmetric or skewed) Gaussian profile with FWHM and shift similar to the $[O III]$ semi-broad component, if present (see below for $[O III]$ components). A final fitting for each spectrum –based on the best-fit model with the minimum χ^2 – was obtained after performing a set of models both as Pop. A and Pop. B.

Figure 2 shows the multicomponent decomposition of the $H\beta$ + $[O III]$ spectral region for one of our sources. The fittings of the complete ISAAC2 sample are shown on Zenodo, along with their respective VLT-ISAAC optical spectra. Measurements on the $H\beta$ full broad profiles of the ISAAC2 sample are listed in Table 5, where properties derived from the $H\beta$ region are also included. We calculated L_{bol} from the continuum flux at 5100 Å and by applying the bolometric correction factor expected for the respective luminosity range as established by Netzer (2019). The black hole mass M_{BH} for each quasar was estimated using the $H\beta$ scaling law of Vestergaard & Peterson (2006, Eq. (5)). We computed the Eddington ratio (L/L_{Edd}) using the bolometric

Table 6. Results from *specfit* analysis on the broad and narrow profiles of H β .

Source	Full broad profile (BLUE+BC+VBC)									Full narrow profile (SBC+NC)						
	BLUE			BC			VBC			SBC				NC		
	F/F_{tot}	FWHM [kms $^{-1}$]	Peak [kms $^{-1}$]	F/F_{tot}	FWHM [kms $^{-1}$]	Peak [kms $^{-1}$]	F/F_{tot}	FWHM [kms $^{-1}$]	Peak [kms $^{-1}$]	F_{tot}	F/F_{tot}	FWHM [kms $^{-1}$]	Peak [kms $^{-1}$]	F/F_{tot}	FWHM [kms $^{-1}$]	Peak [kms $^{-1}$]
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Population A																
BZQJ0544-2241	0.04	5580	−2461	0.96	4877	0	...	...	...	0.35	0.09	1618	−591	0.91	1187	0
WB J0948+0855	...	...	...	1.00	5579	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
CTSJ01.03 ^(a)	...	...	...	1.00	4546	321	...	...	...	1.00	0.18	1437	−1080	0.82	1388	0
FBQS J2149-0811 ^(b)	...	...	...	1.00	4992	0	...	...	...	0.24	0.33	1488	−1263	0.67	1258	0
Population B																
PKS0226-038	...	...	...	0.55	4620	−258	0.45	10495	6340	0.41	0.37	1169	−1051	0.63	901	0
PKS0237-23	...	...	...	0.41	5331	0	0.59	10304	3881	0.11	...	...	...	1.00	654::	230::
PKS0858-279	...	...	...	0.56	4571	6	0.44	10342	2640	6.85	0.55	1273	−1182	0.45	1168	0
CTSJ03.14	...	...	...	0.47	3268	0	0.53	7975	644	0.43	...	...	...	1.00	693	0
PKS1448-232	...	...	...	0.38	3615	16	0.62	14381	5824	1.31	0.61	1045	−724	0.39	1007	0
[HB89]1559+088	0.08	4702	−3110	0.33	3807	0	0.59	14817	1341	0.44	1.00	1581	−759	...	...	...

Notes. (1) Source identification. (2), (3), (4) Relative flux F/F_{tot} , FWHM, and velocity shift of the peak for the BLUE component. (5), (6), (7) Same for the BC. (8), (9), (10) Same for the VBC. (11) Total flux of the H β narrow profile, in units of 10^{-14} erg s $^{-1}$ cm $^{-2}$. (12), (13), (14) Relative flux F/F_{tot} , FWHM, and velocity shift of the peak for the SBC component. (15), (16), (17) Same for the NC. ^(a)Very difficult to separate SBC and NC (see Fig. 5 on Zenodo). ^(b)SBC and NC very weak and uncertain (see Fig. 10 on Zenodo).

Table 7. Measurements on the [O III] λ 5007 line profile.

Source	F_{tot}	W [Å]	[O III] λ 5007 full profile				SBC			NC		
			FWHM	A.I.	$c(1/2)$	$c(9/10)$	F/F_{tot}	FWHM	Peak	F/F_{tot}	FWHM	Peak
			[kms $^{-1}$]		[kms $^{-1}$]	[kms $^{-1}$]		[kms $^{-1}$]	[kms $^{-1}$]		[kms $^{-1}$]	[kms $^{-1}$]
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
Population A												
BZQJ0544-2241 ^(a)	0.27	6	1374 $\pm$ 360:	−0.07 $\pm$ 0.04:	−369 $\pm$ 40:	−339 $\pm$ 88:	0.45	1618	−621	0.55	1187	−247
CTSJ01.03	0.44	22	1709 $\pm$ 123	−0.18 $\pm$ 0.02	−191 $\pm$ 33	−88 $\pm$ 553	0.25	1437	−1110	0.75	1388	0
FBQS J2149-0811 ^(a)	0.14	9	1477 $\pm$ 440:	−0.20 $\pm$ 0.10:	−319 $\pm$ 58:	−248 $\pm$ 92:	0.25	1488	−1292	0.75	1258	−187
Population B												
PKS0226-038	0.31	22	979 $\pm$ 69	−0.27 $\pm$ 0.16	−46 $\pm$ 16	−18 $\pm$ 31	0.24	1169	−1080	0.76	901	0
PKS0237-23	0.31	6	1602 $\pm$ 109	0.09 $\pm$ 0.01	−805 $\pm$ 21	−922 $\pm$ 42	0.83	1423	−899	0.17	654::	−34::
PKS0858-279	0.33	3	1506 $\pm$ 234	−0.35 $\pm$ 0.02	−114 $\pm$ 80	27 $\pm$ 42	0.31	1273	−1211	0.69	1168	65
CTSJ03.14	1.34	40	860 $\pm$ 92	−0.29 $\pm$ 0.13	−120 $\pm$ 40	−38 $\pm$ 21	0.27	1774	−504	0.73	693	−38
PKS1448-232	0.36	11	1154 $\pm$ 74	−0.08 $\pm$ 0.02	−271 $\pm$ 17	−240 $\pm$ 36	0.24	1045	−754	0.76	1007	−161
[HB89]1559+088	0.31	10	885 $\pm$ 215	−0.51 $\pm$ 0.03	−605 $\pm$ 69	−538 $\pm$ 52	0.54	1581	−1452	0.46	688	−498

Notes. (1) Source identification. (2) [O III] λ 5007 total flux, in units of 10^{-13} erg s $^{-1}$ cm $^{-2}$. (3) Equivalent width, W. (4), (5), (6), (7) FWHM, asymmetry index, and the centroid velocities at $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{9}{10}$ intensities of the full profile. (8), (9), (10) Relative intensity, FWHM, and peak shift for the [O III] semi-broad (in general blueshifted) component. (11), (12), (13) Same for the [O III] narrow component. ^(a)[O III] λ 5007 may be affected by the correction of the telluric absorptions present in the spectrum (see the spectra available on Zenodo).

luminosity and with $L_{\text{Edd}} = 1.5 \cdot 10^{38} M_{\text{BH}}$. The corresponding individual components obtained from the *specfit* decomposition of the broad H β profile are reported in Table 6.

The [O III] λ 4959,5007 emission line profiles were modeled assuming that each line consists of a narrower, centered Gaussian component (NC) and one (or more) skewed blueshifted Gaussian semi-broad component (SBC) representing bipolar outflow emissions, where the receding side of the outflow remains obscured (see e.g., Zamanov et al. 2002; Kim et al. 2023, and references therein). Similarly to H β , the results obtained for the full profile and the components of [O III] λ 5007 are reported in Table 7.

3.3.2. UV spectral region

The UV spectral analysis is performed for three different regions: one centred in the Si IV λ 1397+O IV λ 1402 lines, one in which the C IV λ 1549 dominates the emission together with

a less strong He II λ 1640 line, and another region considering the emission lines from the 1900 Å blend (consisting mainly of the Al III λ 1860 doublet, Si III λ 1892, and C III λ 1909). In the three spectral regions, the continuum was modeled locally by a power law, and the Fe III multiplets (e.g., the strong lines observed on the red side of the 1900 Å blend) were modeled using the Vestergaard & Wilkes (2001) empirical template. For some Pop. A sources, an additional Fe III λ 1914 emission line is needed to fully represent the red side of C III λ 1909 (see e.g., Martínez-Aldama et al. 2018). The broad UV lines (Si IV λ 1397, C IV λ 1549, He II λ 1640, and C III λ 1909) are fitted by the same three model components employed for H β , varying their relative contribution to each line flux, as detailed in Paper I.

Table 8 provides measurements for the C IV λ 1549 full broad profile, and information on the C IV λ 1549 and He II λ 1640 individual components is given in Table 9. The FWHM and peak shift of the C IV λ 1549 and He II λ 1640 components were suitable for representing the profiles in all cases apart from CTSJ03.14,

Table 8. Measurements on the C IV $\lambda 1549$ full broad profile.

Source	W [Å]	FWHM [km s ⁻¹]	A.I.	c(1/4) [km s ⁻¹]	c(1/2) [km s ⁻¹]	c(3/4) [km s ⁻¹]	c(9/10) [km s ⁻¹]
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Population A							
WB J0948+0855	4.99 ± 0.21	10363 ± 984	-0.52 ± 0.03	-6901 ± 642	-5334 ± 354	-3008 ± 366	-2207 ± 235
CTSJ01.03	19.35 ± 0.82	4381 ± 367	-0.38 ± 0.06	-2250 ± 421	-1660 ± 120	-1100 ± 126	-762 ± 147
Population B							
PKS0226-038	32.03 ± 1.36	4898 ± 508	-0.31 ± 0.06	-1878 ± 397	-1148 ± 153	-665 ± 139	-474 ± 141
PKS0237-23	25.47 ± 1.08	7269 ± 729	-0.01 ± 0.06	-1281 ± 646	-1461 ± 168	-1213 ± 217	-1199 ± 179
CTSJ03.14	30.04 ± 1.27	4087 ± 385	-0.30 ± 0.05	-1632 ± 369	-650 ± 105	-481 ± 113	-471 ± 113
[HB89]1559+088	27.87 ± 1.18	4922 ± 527	-0.06 ± 0.05	-1492 ± 340	-1601 ± 94	-1420 ± 144	-1241 ± 145

Notes. (1) Source identification. (2) Equivalent width. (3) FWHM. (4) Asymmetry index. (5), (6), (7) and (8) Velocity centroids at different fractional intensities in km s⁻¹.

for which the He II $\lambda 1640$ BLUE is much narrower than the C IV $\lambda 1549$ component.

Table 10 shows the measurements on the full profile of Si IV $\lambda 1397$ and O IV $\lambda 1402$. Similar to the approach taken in Paper I, we also set the Si IV $\lambda 1397$ BC at rest-frame and select a FWHM similar to that determined for C IV $\lambda 1549$ BC as an initial guess.

The measurements resulting from the *specfit* analysis of the 1900 Å blend are presented in Table 11. As Si III $\lambda 1892$ has the same peak rest-frame velocity and FWHM as Al III $\lambda 1860$, we do not report these values for the Si III line in the table.

3.4. Radio data

The radio properties for the complete ISAAC sample are reported in Table 12. The radio fluxes used to estimate these parameters were obtained from the 1.4-GHz NRAO VLA Sky Survey (NVSS, Condon et al. 1998) and from the VLA Faint Images of the Radio Sky at Twenty-Centimeters survey (FIRST, Gregg et al. 1996; Becker et al. 1995) catalogs. In the case of CTQ 0408, which is not covered by these two surveys, we estimated the upper limit for the flux from the SUMSS catalog (Mauch et al. 2003). The R_K parameter is determined as the ratio between the rest-frame specific fluxes at 1.4 GHz and at the g -band effective wavelength (following Ganci et al. 2019). We then considered three different ranges of radio-loudness: radio-quiet (RQ; $R_K < 10$), radio-intermediate (RI; $10 \leq R_K \leq 70$), and radio-loud (RL; $R_K \geq 70$).

If the object is not detected (for the 50% of the sample: 16 sources, 15 from ISAAC1, and one from ISAAC2), an upper limit on the radio flux is set equal to a detection threshold (of ~ 2 times the rms in both FIRST and NVSS catalogs) at the position of the source. Our preference is to rely on the FIRST detection limit as its maps have a higher sensitivity than NVSS and allow for a better restrictive upper limit. However, in cases where the position of the object does not fall within the current coverage of the FIRST catalog, we then use the NVSS detection limit. When considering the complete ISAAC sample, we have 10 RL, 2 RI, and 20 RQ sources.

For objects from both the HEMS and the FOS sample, we re-estimated the values of R_K using the same methodology as that employed for the ISAAC data. Of the 28 sources of the HEMS sample, 4 are RL and 24 RQ. As mentioned in Section 2.3, in the low-luminosity FOS sample there are 34 RL and 50 RQ sources.

By default, we define that the sources initially classified as RI are considered together with the RQ objects, unless we

have evidence that the source is jetted. The enhancement of the radio emission in RIs is possibly related to star formation (Condon et al. 2013; Bonzini et al. 2015; Caccianiga et al. 2015; Ganci et al. 2019), a powerful broad line region and extended ionized outflows (Panessa et al. 2019, and references therein), or intrinsic reddening in the optical fluxes.

4. Results

4.1. ISAAC1 and ISAAC2 basic results: Synopsis

The optical and UV main spectral properties of ISAAC1 and ISAAC2 are fully consistent.

H β . The dichotomy between Pop. A and Pop. B is preserved in the complete ISAAC sample, with Pop. A quasars usually presenting lower values of H β W and FWHM. However, it is noteworthy that the lowest FWHM(H β) values in ISAAC2 are observed in two Pop. B quasars (CTSJ03.14 and PKS1448-232), both of which are blazar candidates, and therefore the FWHM may be strongly influenced by the source orientation. Among the ISAAC2 H β Pop. A profiles, all are symmetric except for BZQJ0544-2241, which requires an additional (usually weak) BLUE component to fully represent the H β line. In contrast, the H β profiles in Pop. B sources are all redward asymmetric, with the exception of [HB89]1559+088, which is nearly symmetric and also requires a BLUE component. This additional component is added when the blueshift observed in the H β profile does not correspond to the blueshifted SBC observed in [O III] $\lambda 5007$. The full ISAAC sample has eight quasars (five Pop. A and three Pop. B) with a BLUE component, whose contribution to the profile has an average value of $\sim 8\%$. The mean asymmetry index for the whole ISAAC sample Pop. B is 0.26 (same for only ISAAC2) and they have the full broad profile with an average velocity centroid $c(1/4)$ of 1740 km s⁻¹. This is attributed to the fact that, in Pop. B, the most prominent broad component is the VBC, which accounts for 54% of the H β profile in the ISAAC2 sample (57% for the whole ISAAC), with median FWHM and shift values of ~ 10420 and 3149 km s⁻¹, respectively. Consistent values are found for the full ISAAC sample, with a median FWHM and a shift of the VBC of 11760 and 3000 km s⁻¹, respectively, in good agreement with the values obtained in HEMS sources (e.g., Vietri et al. 2018, 2020; Wolf et al. 2020, see also Marziani et al. 2009; Sulentic et al. 2017 for extremely broad H β profiles).

[O III] $\lambda 4959, 5007$. In the full ISAAC sample, both populations (A and B) exhibit significant blueshifts, with the most

Table 9. Results from our specfit analysis of C IV $\lambda 1549$ and He II $\lambda 1640$.

C IV $\lambda 1549$										He II $\lambda 1640$								
Source	C IV $\lambda 1549$ BLUE				C IV $\lambda 1549$ BC				He II $\lambda 1640$ BLUE				He II $\lambda 1640$ BC					
	F_{tot}	F/F_{tot}	FWHM	Peak	F/F_{tot}	FWHM	Peak	F_{tot}	F/F_{tot}	FWHM	Peak	F/F_{tot}	FWHM	Peak	F/F_{tot}	FWHM	Peak	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
Population A																		
WB J0948+0855	0.75	0.82	22060	-2129	0.25	5558	...	...	...	0.15	0.72	22060	-2129	0.28	5558	...	...	...
CTSJ01.03	11.87	0.68	9263	-530	0.32	4562	...	...	...	1.82	0.62	9263	-530	0.38	4562	...	...	...
Population B																		
PKS0226-038	3.43	0.52	10535	-590	0.21	3525	0.28	10908	1842	0.77	0.58	10535	-3180	0.22	3535	0.20	10908	1842
PKS0237-23	16.85	0.44	10778	-1970	0.20	4209	0.36	10503	2624	3.08	0.40	10778	-1970	0.20	4209	0.40	10503	2624
CTSJ03.14	5.89	0.48	10299	-1103	0.40	3274	0.13	10500	2035	0.78	0.33	5500	-1025	0.07	3274	0.61	10500	2035
[HB89]1559+088	4.89	0.46	7129	-1394	0.25	4226	0.29	12931	2035	0.66	0.34	7129	-1394	0.13	4226	0.53	12931	2035
Notes. (1) Source identification. (2) C IV $\lambda 1549$ total flux, in units of 10^{-13} erg s $^{-1}$ cm $^{-2}$. (3), (4), (5) Relative intensity, FWHM, and peak shift for the C IV $\lambda 1549$ BLUE component. (6), (7) Relative intensity and FWHM of the C IV $\lambda 1549$ BC, which is centered in the respective rest-frame. (8), (9), (10) Relative intensity, FWHM, and peak shift of the C IV $\lambda 1549$ VBC. Columns (11)–(19) show the same, but for He II $\lambda 1640$.																		

Notes. (1) Source identification. (2) C IV $\lambda 1549$ total flux, in units of 10^{-13} erg s $^{-1}$ cm $^{-2}$. (3), (4), (5) Relative intensity, FWHM, and peak shift for the C IV $\lambda 1549$ BLUE component. (6), (7) Relative intensity and FWHM of the C IV $\lambda 1549$ BC, which is centered in the respective rest-frame. (8), (9), (10) Relative intensity, FWHM, and peak shift of the C IV $\lambda 1549$ VBC. Columns (11)–(19) show the same, but for He II $\lambda 1640$.

pronounced ones observed in Pop. A sources. In most of the full ISAAC sample, both the [O III] SBC and NC are often not in the rest-frame. Additionally, for 18 out of the 32 sources from the whole ISAAC sample (16 from ISAAC1 and two from ISAAC2), the SBC is the strongest component, accounting for $\sim 64\%$ of the flux in the case of Pop. A and $\sim 52\%$ of the flux for Pop. B. Consequently, the two populations A and B also differ in terms of FWHM, with the Pop. A on average showing slightly broader profiles due to the presence of a stronger SBC. Moreover, in contrast to the low- z scenario, where the majority of the [O III] $\lambda 5007$ profiles exhibit blueshift velocity centroids at half intensity, $c(1/2)$, of lower than 250 km s $^{-1}$ (Zamanov et al. 2002; Marziani et al. 2016a), in our complete high- z ISAAC sample, 62% of the sources have blueshifts in [O III] of greater than 250 km s $^{-1}$ and are considered outliers. However, in ISAAC2, we do not observe the few very large [O III] profiles (FWHM ~ 4000 km s $^{-1}$) measured in ISAAC1. This may be a consequence of the fact that ISAAC1 is primarily composed of RQ sources (which typically exhibit broader [O III] $\lambda 4959, 5007$ profiles than RL ones; see Sect. 4.5.2), while a significant fraction of ISAAC2 sources are classified as RL. Significant [O III] outflows appear to be a common feature at high redshift and have also been observed in other samples (see e.g., Kakkad et al. 2020). As discussed in Paper I, the [O III] profile almost always appears peculiar when compared to those of optically selected samples at low redshift (Zamanov et al. 2002; Marziani et al. 2003b; Bian et al. 2005; Zhang et al. 2011; Cracco et al. 2016), with higher shift amplitude and broader widths.

C IV $\lambda 1549$. Consistent results with ISAAC1 are also observed for ISAAC2 C IV $\lambda 1549$ profiles. In general, the Pop. B sources from ISAAC2 tend to exhibit slightly larger values of W than Pop. A. This is also observed in the full ISAAC sample (median $W \sim 27$ Å for Pop. B vs. ~ 21 Å for Pop. A). Conversely, Pop. A sources tend to show greater FWHM, asymmetry, and centroid velocity, which is in agreement with the HEMS sample (Sulentic et al. 2017). The BLUE is the strongest component in the full ISAAC sample, and contributes to $\sim 72\%$ and $\sim 51\%$ of the full C IV $\lambda 1549$ flux for Pop. A and Pop. B, respectively. Consistently, the largest blueshifts are found for the BLUE components of Pop. A sources, which achieve a median value of $c(1/2)$ of the full C IV $\lambda 1549$ profile of $\sim 2590 \pm 1890$ km s $^{-1}$ for the entire ISAAC sample. In the case of Pop. B, this value is $\sim -1530 \pm 760$ km s $^{-1}$. Centroid shifts are comparable to those derived in recent works that followed a similar analysis strategy (Coatman et al. 2016; Vietri et al. 2018; Temple et al. 2023, and especially Sulentic et al. (2017), who analyze the HEMS sample). Both [O III] $\lambda 4959, 5007$ and C IV $\lambda 1549$ suggest the presence of extremely powerful winds in the NLR and BLR (Marziani et al. 2016b,a; Fiore et al. 2017; Bischetti et al. 2017). At variance with low- z , low-luminosity sources, the blueshifted emission associated with the winds is prominent in both Pop. A and B, as further discussed in Sects. 5.1 and 5.2.

1900 Å blend. In the ISAAC2 sample, we have 1900 Å blend data for six of the ten objects (two Pop. A and four Pop. B). The 1900 Å blend properties observed in the ISAAC2 sample also appear consistent with the full ISAAC sample, as well as with the expectations from recent works involving intermediate-redshift sources (Temple et al. 2020; Marziani et al. 2022a; Buendia-Rios et al. 2023). Considering the whole ISAAC sample (11 Pop. A and 9 Pop. B quasars), we find that the BLUE component in Al III $\lambda 1860$ is detected in only 5 Pop. A sources, with an average blueshift of ~ -1720 km s $^{-1}$ and accounts for $\sim 40\%$ of the full profile. For Pop. B, all nine sources show

Table 10. Measurements on the Si IV $\lambda 1397$ +O IV $\lambda 1402$ broad lines.

Source	F_{tot}	FWHM [km s ⁻¹]	A.I.	$c(1/2)$ [km s ⁻¹]	$c(9/10)$ [km s ⁻¹]
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Population A					
WB J0948+0855	0.92	9878 ± 1013	0.07 ± 0.03	-2257 ± 192	-2633 ± 411
Population B					
PKS0226-038	1.24	6387 ± 1005	-0.09 ± 0.12	465 ± 228	756 ± 415
PKS0237-23	2.42	5084 ± 666	0.06 ± 0.03	965 ± 119	881 ± 323
[HB89]1559+088	1.96	7661 ± 1114	0.00 ± 0.06	-566 ± 284	-752 ± 474

Notes. (1) Source identification. (2) Total flux, in units of 10^{-13} erg s⁻¹cm⁻². (3) FWHM. (4) Asymmetry index. (5) and (6) Velocity centroids at $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{9}{10}$ fractional intensities.

Al III $\lambda 1860$ profiles well-represented by a single rest-frame BC with averaged FWHM ~ 4240 km s⁻¹. For Si III $\lambda 1892$, only three Pop. A exhibit a BLUE component, with an average shift of ~ -1880 km s⁻¹. Regarding the C III $\lambda 1909$ profiles, Pop. A sources are suitably represented by a rest-frame BC with FWHM ~ 3370 km s⁻¹. Of the 11 Pop. A sources, 9 required an additional Fe III component at $\sim 1914\text{\AA}$. The Pop. B C III $\lambda 1909$ profiles are fitted by the combination BC+VBC, where the VBC is weaker than that of H β , as it represents only 37% of the full profile, with an FWHM of ~ 7240 km s⁻¹.

4.2. The optical plane of the 4DE1 parameter space

The classification as population A or B on the quasar MS is based on two parameters that can only be measured from NIR spectra: the FWHM of the H β full broad profile and the strength of the Fe II blend at $4570\text{\AA}$, defined as the ratio between the intensities of the blue blend of Fe II at $4750\text{\AA}$ and H β , $R_{\text{Fe II}}$. We set the Pop. A/Pop. B limit according to the luminosity-dependent FWHM value, as explained in Paper I. We measured the $R_{\text{Fe II}}$ parameter to assign a number from 1 to 4 to the spectral type (ST) covering the range $0 \leq R_{\text{Fe II}} \leq 2$ with a step of $\Delta R_{\text{Fe II}} = 0.5$ (Sulentic et al. 2002).

The location of the whole ISAAC sample on the MS optical plane is shown in Fig. 3, where the 28 sources belonging to the HEMS sample are also represented. As discussed in Paper I, the sources of high luminosity, such as the ten new quasars presented here, show a displacement in the direction of increasing FWHM(H β) by $1000\text{--}1500$ km s⁻¹ with respect to the low-luminosity, low- z samples (see also Sulentic et al. 2017). Of the ten new sources, six are classified as Pop. B and four as Pop. A. CTSJ03.14 and PKS1448-232 (see the models in Figs. 7 and 8 on Zenodo, respectively), two RLs classified as B1, are located below the Pop A/B boundary for their luminosity. Both sources are blazar candidates (see Massaro et al. (2014) for CTSJ03.14 and Massaro et al. (2015) for PKS1448-232), implying that the FWHM of H β may be significantly lowered by a pole-on orientation of the line-emitting region. In the complete sample considered in this work (ISAAC1+ISAAC2+HEMS), there are 30 sources classified as Pop. A (including 5 RL) and 30 classified as Pop. B (including 8 RL).

4.3. The role of physical parameters

In Paper I, we show that while the bolometric luminosity, L_{bol} , and the black hole mass (M_{BH}) exhibit trends with the C IV blueshifts, the primary correlation is observed with the Edding-

ton ratio, with the higher C IV blueshift in the higher accretion rate (see e.g., Sect. 6.3 of Paper I, and references therein). These results are reconfirmed in the present work. By including the new data from ISAAC2 in the sample composed of both high- and low- z data, we find a relation between C IV $c(1/4)$ blueshift (< -250 km s⁻¹) and L_{bol} with a slope of 0.21 ± 0.07 (with a Pearson correlation coefficient c.c. of 0.61, $\rho \sim 10^{-9}$). The slope 0.14 ± 0.06 , and Pearson c.c. ~ 0.48 ($\rho \sim 10^{-6}$) suggest an even weaker relation between C IV $c(1/4)$ and the black hole mass M_{BH} . Regarding the Eddington ratio, we find the following relation (with a Pearson c.c. ~ 0.66 and a ρ -value for the null hypothesis $\sim 10^{-11}$):

$$\log |c(1/4)_{\text{C IV}}| = (0.43 \pm 0.05) \log L/L_{\text{Edd}} + (3.39 \pm 0.04). \quad (1)$$

Similar results, albeit less significant, are observed for [O III]. When analyzing the 45 sources (34 high- z and 11 low- z) that exhibit significant [O III] outflows, we find a slope of 0.12 ± 0.07 between [O III] $c(1/4)$ and L_{bol} (Pearson c.c. ~ 0.31 , $\rho \sim 10^{-2}$). Concerning L/L_{Edd} , we obtain (Pearson c.c. ~ 0.48 , $\rho \sim 10^{-4}$):

$$\log |c(1/4)_{[\text{O III}]}| = (0.33 \pm 0.09) \log L/L_{\text{Edd}} + (2.91 \pm 0.04). \quad (2)$$

In close agreement with these relations, Fig. 4 shows the dependence of $c(1/4)$ on L/L_{Edd} for the [O III] $\lambda 5007$ and C IV $\lambda 1549$ emission lines, where we include all the measurements of $c(1/4)$ velocity centroids of both lines (blueshifted or not) and for both low- and high- z samples. For the two emission lines, strong outflows (i.e., $\gtrsim 500$ km s⁻¹ for [O III] $\lambda 5007$ and $\gtrsim 2000$ km s⁻¹ for C IV $\lambda 1549$) are found at Eddington ratios of $\log L/L_{\text{Edd}} \gtrsim -0.8$ ($L/L_{\text{Edd}} \sim 0.2$), consistent with previous results (see e.g., Marziani et al. 2003b; Bian et al. 2005; Komossa et al. 2008; Marziani et al. 2016b; Cracco et al. 2016; Coatman et al. 2016; Wang et al. 2018; Ayubinia et al. 2023).

The effect of high Eddington ratio is strengthened at high luminosity. The high z to low z comparison is consistent with the weaker luminosity effect (outflow velocity $\propto L^{\frac{1}{4}}$) on both the RL and RQ samples, which is expected for radiation-driven winds and becomes appreciable when considering samples spread over a wide range of luminosities (Laor & Brandt 2002, cf. Sulentic et al. 2017).

The radio-loudness appears to play a role in reducing the outflow velocities in both [O III] $\lambda 5007$ and C IV $\lambda 1549$. The sources that present the most significant blueshifts in both [O III] and C IV in Fig. 4 are all RQ. Conversely, the RL sources (blue and red symbols) exhibit lower outflow velocities. This result is in good agreement with previous findings (e.g., Marziani et al. 2003b; Laor 2018) and is discussed in more detail in Sects. 4.4 and 4.5.

Table 11. Results from our specfit analysis of the 1900 Å blend.

Source	Al III λ 1860				Si III λ 1892				C III λ 1909+Fe II λ 1914																						
	Al III λ 1860 BLUE				Al III λ 1860 BC				Si III λ 1892				C III λ 1909 BC				C III λ 1909 VBC				C III λ 1909 NC				Fe II λ 1914						
	F_{tot}	W	F/F_{tot}	FWHM	Peak	F_{tot}	W	F/F_{tot}	FWHM	Peak	F_{tot}	W	F/F_{tot}	FWHM	Peak	F_{tot}	W	F/F_{tot}	FWHM	Peak	F_{tot}	W	F/F_{tot}	FWHM	Peak	F_{tot}	W	F/F_{tot}	FWHM	Peak	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)	(32)
Population A																															
BZQJ0544-2241	12.61	5.44	...	...	...	1.00	5559	9.17	4.03	1.23	5.46	1.00	5382	...	...	...	...	...	...	9.17	5105	3169									
WB J0948+0855	8.55	5.31	0.33	3184	-2011	0.67	5549	5.57	4.38	1.28	1.19	1.00	5549	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.46	5177	1618									
Population B																															
PKS0226-038	3.38	3.52	...	...	...	1.00	4722	5.26	5.60	0.87	9.97	0.65	4722	0.35	7018	2467	0.06	999	...	...	...	...									
PKS0858-279	32.88	2.96	...	...	...	1.00	4973	44.3	4.05	7.75	7.15	0.66	4973	0.34	8588	4908	...	...	...	...	...	...									
CTSJ03.14	2.12	1.64	...	...	...	1.00	3044	2.97	2.46	1.10	9.78	0.83	3044	0.17	6954	2948	0.03	970	...	...	...	...									
[HB89]1559+088	3.42	2.55	...	...	...	1.00	4226	9.15	7.02	0.96	7.65	0.42	4226	0.58	7338	2207	0.01	999	...	...	...	...									
Notes. (1) Source identification. (2) Al III λ 1860 total flux, in units of 10^{-14} erg $\text{s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2}$. (3) Al III λ 1860 Equivalent width W . (4), (5) and (6) Relative intensity, FWHM, and peak shift respectively for the Al III λ 1860 BLUE component. (7) and (8) Relative intensity and FWHM for the Al III λ 1860 BC, centered in the respective rest-frame. (9) and (10) Si III λ 1892 total flux (in units of 10^{-14} erg $\text{s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2}$) and W . (11), (12) Same for C III λ 1909. (13) and (14) Relative intensity and FWHM for C III λ 1909 BC, centered in the respective rest-frame. (15), (16) and (17) Relative intensity, FWHM, and peak shift for the C III λ 1909 VBC. (18) and (19) Relative intensity and FWHM for the C III λ 1909 NC, centered in the respective rest-frame. (20), (21) and (22) Fe II λ 1914 total flux (in units of 10^{-14} erg $\text{s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2}$), FWHM and peak shift.																															

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Table 12. Radio properties of the full ISAAC sample.

Source	$f_{1.4 \text{ GHz}}$ [mJy]	$P_{1.4 \text{ GHz}}$	$\log R_K$	Survey	Radio Class.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
ISAAC1					
HE 0001-2340	<0.90	<0.15	<0.48	NVSS	RQ
[HB89]0029+073	<0.24	<0.08	<-0.12	FIRST	RQ
CTQ 0408	<2.49	<0.85	<0.43	SUMSS	RQ
SDSSJ005700.18+143737.7	<0.90	<0.21	<0.35	NVSS	RQ
H 0055-2659	<0.90	<0.38	<0.60	NVSS	RQ
SDSSJ114358.52+052444.9	<0.28	<0.06	<0.17	FIRST	RQ
SDSSJ115954.33+201921.1	<0.29	<0.11	<-0.04	FIRST	RQ
SDSSJ120147.90+120630.2	<0.29	<0.11	<-0.26	FIRST	RQ
SDSSJ132012.33+142037.1	<0.29	<0.06	<0.15	FIRST	RQ
SDSSJ135831.78+050522.8	<0.28	<0.06	<-0.15	FIRST	RQ
Q 1410+096	<0.30	<0.11	<-0.13	FIRST	RQ
SDSSJ141546.24+112943.4	6.50	1.41	1.27	NVSS	RI
B1422+231	284.67	119	2.78	FIRST	RL
SDSSJ153830.55+085517.0	<0.31	<0.12	<0.36	FIRST	RQ
SDSSJ161458.33+144836.9	<0.28	<0.06	<-0.13	FIRST	RQ
PKS 1937-101	838	381	2.99	NVSS	RL
PKS 2000-330	446	202	3.14	NVSS	RL
SDSSJ210524.49+000407.3	2.50	0.46	0.54	NVSS	RQ
SDSSJ210831.56-063022.5	<0.37	<0.07	<0.18	FIRST	RQ
SDSSJ212329.46-005052.9	<0.29	<0.05	<-0.45	FIRST	RQ
PKS 2126-15	589	207	2.97	NVSS	RL
SDSSJ235808.54+012507.2	<0.28	<0.11	<-0.32	FIRST	RQ
ISAAC2					
PKS0226-038	939	135	3.50	NVSS	RL
PKS0237-23	6256	1043	3.80	NVSS	RL
BZQJ0544-2241	133	10.78	2.06	NVSS	RL
PKS0858-279	1474	233	2.77	NVSS	RL
CTSJ01.03	2.90	0.55	0.92	NVSS	RQ
WB J0948+0855	36.50	4.88	1.78	NVSS	RI
CTSJ03.14	151	30.31	2.40	NVSS	RL
PKS1448-232	439	73.03	2.83	NVSS	RL
[HB89]1559+088	4.50	0.79	0.87	NVSS	RQ
FBQS J2149-0811	<0.36	<0.05	<0.02	FIRST	RQ

Notes. (1) Source identification. (2) Radio flux at 1.4 GHz. (3) Radio power P at 1.4 GHz, in units of 10^{26} W Hz^{-1} . (4) Radio-loudness parameter. (5) Survey from which we obtain the radio data. (6) Radio classification.

4.4. Inter-comparison between RL and RQ sources at low and high z : [O III] λ 5007 versus C IV λ 1549

Figure 5 presents a comparison between [O III] and C IV in terms of the relative intensity of the outflowing component (SBC for [O III] λ 5007 and BLUE for C IV λ 1549) with respect to the full profiles, $I_{\text{BLUE}}/I_{\text{tot}}$. In this case, we exclusively consider sources that are identified as blue outliers in [O III] and which also present blueshifts in C IV. Therefore, the sample shown in Fig. 5 has 28 high- z sources (14 from ISAAC and 14 from HEMS) and 9 low- z sources from the FOS sample. In addition, in the FOS sample, there are seven objects in which only a blueshifted SBC [O III] component (with no clear NC) is detected, which nevertheless present shifts in the $c(1/2)$ of lower than -250 . Clearly identifying any outflow in these cases would require higher resolution and an improved S/N compared to the data available in the present work.

At low redshift, the behavior of the BLUE component appears to be different in [O III] and C IV in terms of relative intensity: while the [O III] outflowing component can achieve a $I_{\text{SBC}}/I_{\text{tot}}$ of up to nearly $\sim 100\%$ of the total intensity of the full

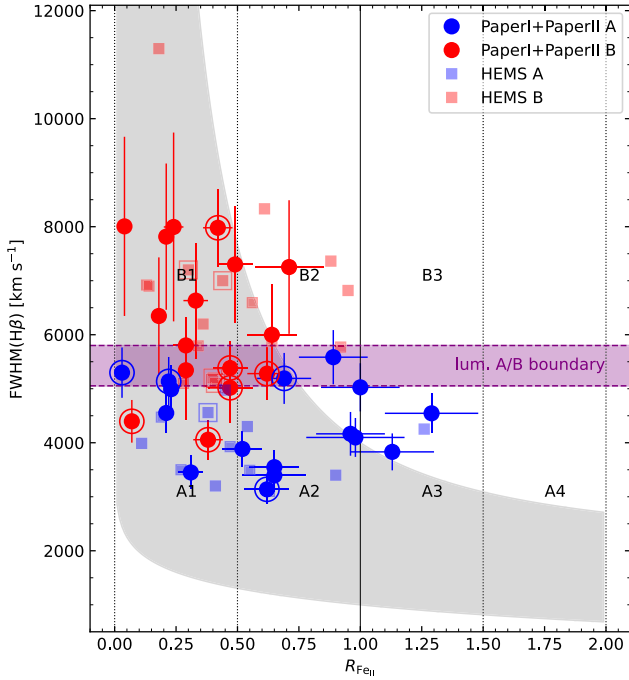


Fig. 3. Location on the MS of the ten new sources for this work together with those from Paper I (circles) and the HEMS sample (squares). Pop. A quasars are represented by blue symbols and Pop. B by red symbols. The RL sources are surrounded by an open circle or square in the plot. The gray region indicates the distribution of the MS of quasars at low z . The purple-shaded area shows the luminosity-dependent boundary between Pops. A and B for high-luminosity sources, as described in detail in Paper I.

profile, the C IV outflowing component never surpasses $\sim 40\%$ of the entire profile, with the lower values found for the RL sources

The right panel of Fig. 5 shows the same analysis but for the high-redshift range. At variance with the low- z sample, the [O III] $\lambda 5007$ and C IV $\lambda 1549$ emission lines exhibit very similar behavior with respect to their outflowing component, and their ratio $I_{\text{BLUE}}/I_{\text{tot}}$ can vary from $\sim 20\%$ to 100% of the full profile, with the largest contributions found in RQ sources. The RL–RQ difference at high redshift is consistent with that found at low redshift, with the RL sources presenting clearly fainter [O III] $\lambda 5007$ SBC and C IV $\lambda 1549$ BLUE.

We analyzed the RL and RQ blueshift distributions in an attempt to characterize other parameters affected by radio-loudness. Figure 6 shows the cumulative distribution functions of centroid velocities at one-quarter flux intensity ($c(1/4)$) of both [O III] $\lambda 5007$ and C IV $\lambda 1549$ emission lines for the samples by separating them according to the radio classification and the redshift range. All sources with [O III] or C IV spectral information have been taken into account regardless of the shift. Panel (a) shows a comparison between RL and RQ at low redshift for the [O III] $\lambda 5007$ $c(1/4)$. In this case, the Kolmogorov-Smirnov (KS) test reveals that the RL and RQ subsamples are statistically indistinguishable, although the RQ sources, in general, present larger values of $c(1/4)$ towards the blue, which indicates stronger outflows than for RL sources. A similar result is found when comparing RL and RQ $c(1/4)$ at high z (panel (b) of Fig. 6).

Panel (c) of Fig. 6 compares the RL sources at high- and low- z ranges. The KS test indicates that the distributions are significantly different (~ 0.88 , $\rho \sim 10^{-8}$), with the RL sources at

high redshift presenting higher outflow velocities (mean value ~ -420 km s $^{-1}$) than the ones at lower redshifts (~ -40 km s $^{-1}$). The same is found when comparing RQ sources at high and low redshift (panel (d)). The difference in this case is still significant due to a more prominent outflow at high z , with $c(1/4)$ mean values ≈ -740 and ≈ -200 km s $^{-1}$ for high and low z , respectively.

The bottom panels of Fig. 6 show the results for the C IV $\lambda 1549$ emission line. In general, the $c(1/4)$ of this line follows the same behavior as [O III], albeit with stronger outflows. In both RQs and RLs, there is a statistically very significant difference between the distributions of C IV $c(1/4)$ at high and low redshift. The more extreme difference is found between RL sources at high and low z , where the distributions are completely different (KS coefficient of 0.97, and a probability of coming from the same distribution $\rho \sim 10^{-7}$). The significance is extremely high, even if the RL subsample in the case of C IV $\lambda 1549$ at high z contains only seven sources.

The cumulative distributions of both [O III] and C IV centroid shifts demonstrate that the main difference between samples is when they widely differ in luminosity, not radio-loudness. In the two redshift domains considered (corresponding on average to a difference in luminosity of a factor ≈ 60), Figs. 4 and 6 show that there is second-order effect related to radio-loudness in both C IV $\lambda 1549$ and [O III] $\lambda 4959, 5007$. The effect is more significant at low- z (with a $\rho \sim 10^{-5}$), although a similar difference in shift amplitude is detected also at high redshift. In the latter case, the small number of sources means that our results regarding this effect are not statistically significant. In summary, the effect of radio-loudness is consistent in the low- z and high- z samples, with lower blueshifted velocities and outflows in the RLs, albeit weaker than the effects of luminosity and accretion rate (see section 4.3).

4.5. Trends with radio-loudness

4.5.1. Fe II

The relation between the $R_{\text{Fe II}}$ with the radio-loudness parameter R_K is shown in Fig. 7. In both low- and high- z ranges, the RQ sources are the ones that can present $R_{\text{Fe II}}$ values from ~ 0 up to more than 1, with the most extreme cases found for the low-redshift RQ Pop. A quasars. With the exception of these extreme sources, the RQ sources at high and low z present a very similar distribution, with a mean $R_{\text{Fe II}}$ value for low- z RQ sources of ~ 0.52 , while for high- z RQ sources this value is ~ 0.55 .

The RL quasars tend to present lower values of $R_{\text{Fe II}}$, which rarely exceeds the threshold of $R_{\text{Fe II}} = 1$. The fact that the RL sources are weaker Fe II emitters than the RQ ones has already been observed in previous studies (e.g., Yuan & Wills 2003; Netzer et al. 2004; Sulentic et al. 2004). In general, the sources that present strong Fe II emission are found to also present very high Eddington ratios, which are more frequently typically found in RQ sources of Pop. A. Hence, this difference in $R_{\text{Fe II}}$ between RL and RQ sources may also be linked to the accretion rate, which somehow can contribute to enhancing the Fe II emission in strong accretors.

The mean $R_{\text{Fe II}}$ values of low- and high-redshift RL sources are ~ 0.25 and ~ 0.40 , respectively. This result is intriguing, although it could simply be related to differences in the Eddington ratios of the samples at high and low z , with missing high- z sources at the lowest Eddington ratios because they are too faint to be detected in major surveys such as the SDSS (Sulentic et al. 2014).

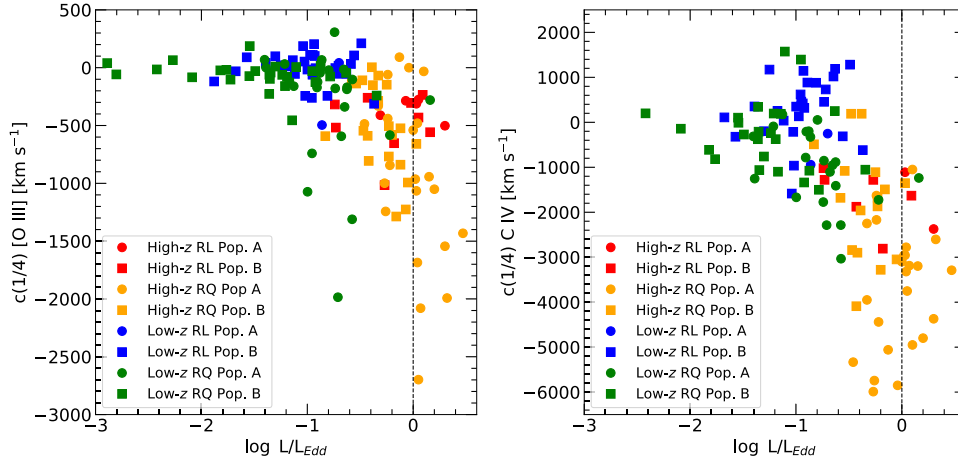


Fig. 4. Velocity centroid $c(1/4)$ versus L/L_{Edd} for $[\text{O III}]\lambda 5007$ (left) and $\text{C IV}\lambda 1549$ (right). Dark green and blue symbols correspond, respectively, to RQ and RL sources at low- z , while orange (RQ) and red (RL) symbols represent high- z quasars. Within each color, filled squares represent Pop. B sources and the bullets Pop. A quasars.

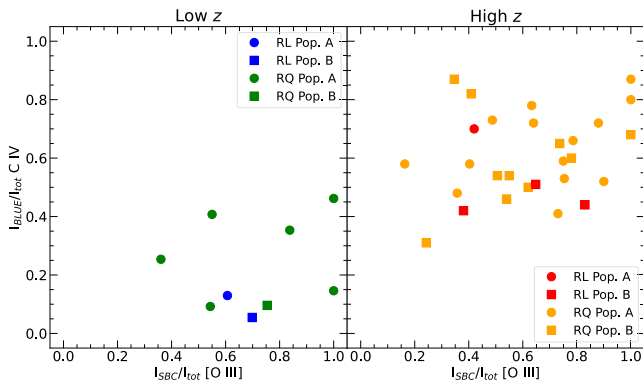


Fig. 5. Comparison between the relative intensities of the blueshifted component for both $[\text{O III}]\lambda 5007$ and $\text{C IV}\lambda 1549$. Low- z and high- z sources are represented in the *left* and *right panels*, respectively.

4.5.2. $[\text{O III}]\lambda 5007$

Figure 8 shows the relation between R_K and $c(1/4)$ of $[\text{O III}]\lambda 5007$ for low- and high- z ranges separately. In both ranges, RQ sources exhibit larger outflow velocities compared to RL sources, with the RQ sources achieving values of ~ -2000 at low z and $\sim -2700 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ at high z . This difference in outflow velocity between RQ and RL quasars has previously been reported (e.g., Marziani et al. 2003b, 2016a; Ganci et al. 2019, and references therein) and may be a consequence of the presence of relativistic jets in RL sources, which can potentially reduce the impact of the outflows on the optical emission. In contrast, RQ sources lack such strong radio jets, allowing the outflows to have a more significant influence on the optical emission (e.g., Padovani 2016).

At low redshifts, the majority of the sources (including both RQ and RL) do not exhibit $[\text{O III}]\lambda 5007$ $c(1/4)$ values that exceed 250 km s^{-1} , and therefore do not present significant $[\text{O III}]\lambda 5007$ outflows. Only eight objects (seven RQ and one RL) within this redshift range in our FOS sample present relevant $[\text{O III}]$ $c(1/4)$ blueshifts of $\sim -500 \text{ km s}^{-1}$.

The right panel of Fig. 8 shows the same analysis, but this time focuses on high- z sources. In this redshift range, $\sim 75\%$ of the RQ sources present blueshifts of greater than 250 km s^{-1} , and in some cases can achieve very strong velocities, as is the case of SDSS J212329.46-005052.9 ($\sim 2700 \text{ km s}^{-1}$). All the high-redshift RL sources from our sample present significant blueshifts, with a $[\text{O III}]\lambda 5007$ $c(1/4)$ range of between ~ 230 and 1000 km s^{-1} .

4.5.3. $\text{C IV}\lambda 1549$

It has long since been known that $[\text{O III}]\lambda 5007$ and $\text{C IV}\lambda 1549$ show similarities in their phenomenology (e.g., Zamanov et al. 2002; Coatman et al. 2019; Deconto-Machado et al. 2023). In Fig. 9 we repeat the $[\text{O III}]\lambda 4959, 5007$ analysis described in Sect. 4.5.2 for $\text{C IV}\lambda 1549$. As for $[\text{O III}]\lambda 5007$, the majority of RQ sources at low z present negative values of $\text{C IV}\lambda 1549$ $c(1/4)$, while the vast majority of RL sources show positive values or values very close to 0 – 500 km s^{-1} to the blue. Regarding the high- z range, it is already known that the largest shifts are also found in RQ sources (see e.g., Richards et al. 2011, 2021, and references therein). This is no different in our high- z sample, where almost all sources (including both RQ and RL) present very significant outflow velocities. The average C IV $c(1/4)$ blueshift for RL sources is $\sim 1900 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. The relation between the $[\text{O III}]\lambda 5007$ and $\text{C IV}\lambda 1549$ emission lines does not seem to be affected by the radio emission; however, the comparison between RQ and RL at high z for the $\text{C IV}\lambda 1549$ emission line is limited by the fact that we have a very small sample of RL sources in this redshift range (only seven objects, two Pop. A and five Pop. B) and more data are definitely required.

5. Discussion

5.1. Dominance of outflows

$\text{C IV}\lambda 1549$ somehow seems to be a magnified version of $[\text{O III}]\lambda 5007$, presenting very similar trends but with higher outflow velocities. The left plot of Fig. 10 shows the relation between the centroid velocity at half intensity ($c(1/2)$) for the full profiles of $[\text{O III}]\lambda 5007$ and $\text{C IV}\lambda 1549$ at high redshift, including the sources from HEMS, Paper I, and from the present paper. The result reported in Paper I is strengthened: ISAAC2 objects that present strong shifts in the $[\text{O III}]\lambda 4959, 5007$ emission line profiles do present them also in $\text{C IV}\lambda 1549$. The bisector linear relation after including all ISAAC data is

$$c(1/2)_{\text{C IV}} = (1.42 \pm 0.23) \times c(1/2)_{[\text{O III}]} + (-1071 \pm 148), \quad (3)$$

with a correlation coefficient ≈ 0.51 . This trend is consistent with the results reported by Coatman et al. (2019) and Vietri et al. (2020) at high redshift.

In both $[\text{O III}]$ and C IV , the largest blueshifts are found in Pop. A sources (represented by orange bullets in the figures), which usually present the largest accretion rates. Figure 10 also shows that the largest outflow velocities in $[\text{O III}]$ and in C IV are found in RQ sources, indicating that the accretion

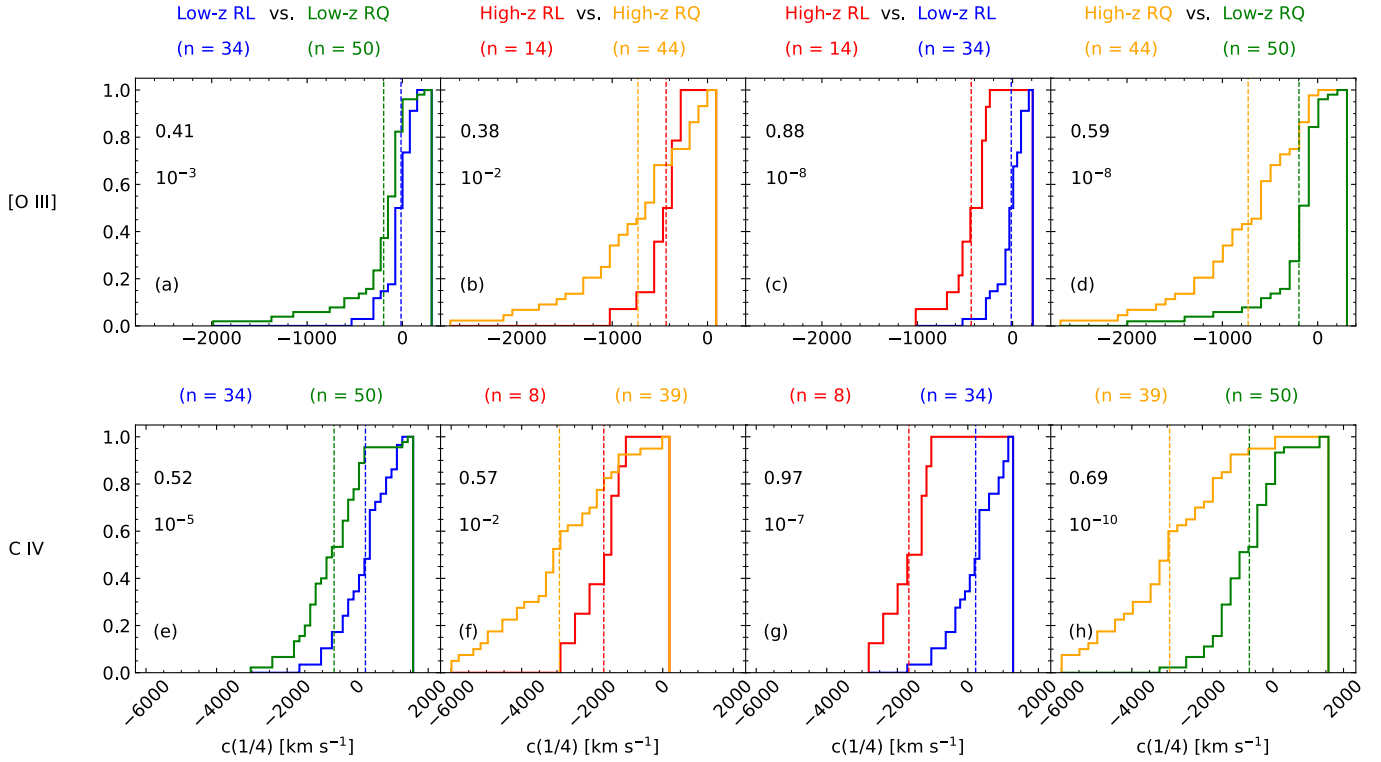


Fig. 6. Centroid velocities at one-quarter intensity ($c(1/4)$) cumulative distributions of the samples separated by radio-loudness and redshift range for [O III] λ 5007 (top panels) and C IV λ 1549 (bottom panels). Kolmogórov-Smirnov tests were performed comparing different subsamples identified at the top of the panels. KS statistics for each comparison are shown in the top left corner of each plot together with the respective ρ -value. Vertical lines indicate the mean value for each subsample.

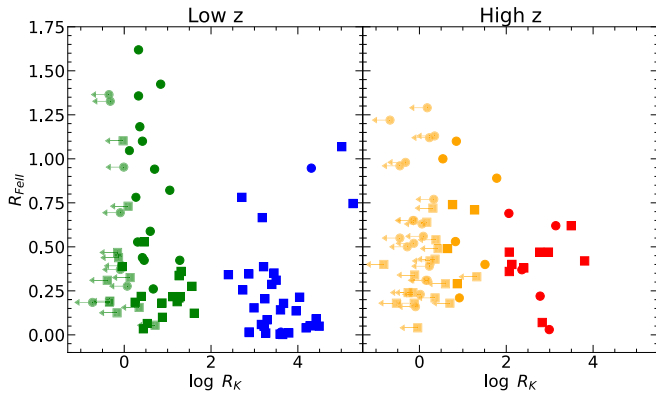


Fig. 7. Relation between radio-loudness R_K and R_{FeII} for low- z (left) and high- z (right) ranges. R_K upper limits are indicated by arrows alongside the symbol. The color scheme is the same as that in Fig. 4.

may be the main driver of these outflows (Nesvadba et al. 2007; Kukreti et al. 2023). A similar relation is found when considering the $c(1/2)$ of only the outflowing (BLUE) components of both [O III] λ 5007 and C IV λ 1549 emission lines, as shown in the right plot of Fig. 10. In this case, the orthogonal linear relation (with a c.c. of 0.40) is given by

$$c(1/2)_{CIV,BLUE} = (1.27 \pm 0.99) \times c(1/2)_{[OIII],BLUE} + (-1432 \pm 1323). \quad (4)$$

At high z , the outflows appear to be more prominent than at low z (see also Fig. 4), consolidating the idea that the accretion rate is the main driver of the outflows. The accretion rate in most of the sources at high z is higher ($-0.6 \lesssim \log L/L_{Edd} \lesssim 0.4$) than

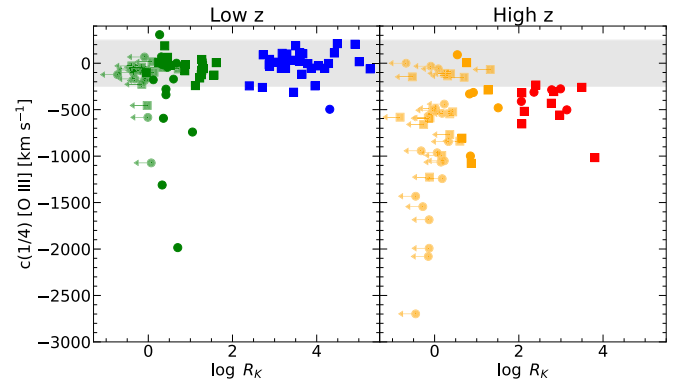


Fig. 8. Relation between radio-loudness and velocity centroid at one-quarter intensity of the [O III] λ 5007 emission line for low- z (left) and high- z (right) ranges. Gray shaded areas in both plots indicate the $c(1/4)$ range between 250 and -250 km s^{-1} . R_K upper limits are indicated by arrows alongside the symbol. The color scheme is the same as that in Fig. 4.

in the case of sources at low z ($-2 \lesssim \log L/L_{Edd} \lesssim 0$; see also e.g., Cavaliere & Vittorini 2000; Hopkins et al. 2006), even if the difference could be in part due to a selection effect, as mentioned in Section 4.5.

5.2. Dynamical parameters of the outflows

We estimated the mass-outflow rate ($\dot{M}$), the kinetic power ($\dot{E}_{kin}$), and the thrust ($\dot{M} v_o$) adopting a simple biconical outflow, and using an analogous methodology to that of Marziani et al. (2016a, 2017); our methodology is summarized in Appendix B.

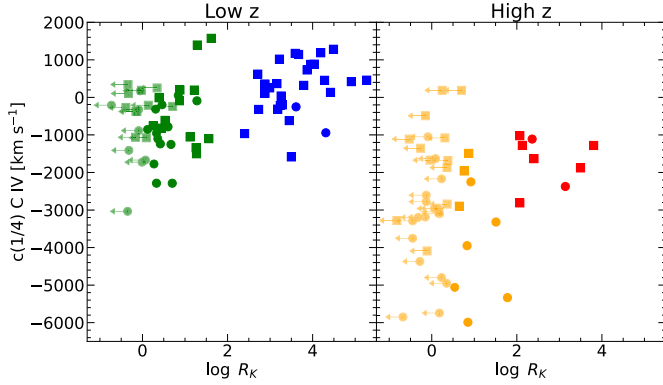


Fig. 9. Relation between radio-loudness and the velocity centroid at one-quarter intensity of the C IV $\lambda 1549$ emission line for low- z (left) and high- z (right) ranges. R_K upper limits are indicated by arrows alongside the symbol. The color scheme is the same as in Fig. 4.

In this framework, the relations are formally identical for [O III] and C IV $\lambda 1549$, and namely:

$$\dot{M}_{\text{ion}} \propto L^{\text{out}} Z^{-1} n_{\text{H}}^{-1}, \quad (5)$$

where L is the outflow-emitted line luminosity, n_{H} the electron density and Z the metallicity. The mass outflow rate ($\dot{M}_{\text{ion}}^{\text{out}}$) and the thrust ($\dot{M}_{\text{ion}}^{\text{out}} v_{\text{out}}$) at a radius r and with an outflow velocity v_{out} , might be written as:

$$\dot{M}_{\text{ion}}^{\text{out}} \propto L^{\text{out}} v_{\text{out}} r^{-1} Z^{-1} n_{\text{H}}^{-1}, \quad (6)$$

$$\dot{M}_{\text{ion}}^{\text{out}} v_{\text{out}} \propto L^{\text{out}} v_{\text{out}}^2 r^{-1} Z^{-1} n_{\text{H}}^{-1}. \quad (7)$$

The kinetic power, $\dot{E}_{\text{kin}}$, is then given by $\dot{E}_{\text{out}} \sim \frac{1}{2} \dot{M}_{\text{out}} v_{\text{out}}^2$, which leads to

$$\dot{E}_{\text{kin}} \propto L^{\text{out}} v_{\text{out}}^3 r^{-1} Z^{-1} n_{\text{H}}^{-1}. \quad (8)$$

The parameters entering the previous equations are estimated using different relations for [O III] and C IV, and are briefly discussed in following sections and in Appendix B. The adopted parameters and relevant scaling relations are summarized in Table 13.

When estimating wind parameters in quasars, such as mass-outflow rate, thrust, and kinetic power, several sources of error can affect the accuracy of these measurements. These errors arise from various observational and methodological issues, including the complexity of the line profiles, spatial resolution limitations, and the assumptions made in the models used for interpretation, where the last two are expected to be the dominating sources of uncertainty in the estimation of the wind parameters. For C IV $\lambda 1549$ in particular, the uncertainty in the conversion between line luminosity and ionized gas could be ~ 3 at a 3σ confidence level. We have considered a range of densities of 0.5 dex around $\log n_{\text{H}}$ radius of the emitting region; Z estimates in quasars suggest very high metallicity, and a range around $5Z_{\odot}$, where between 2 and 20 times solar seems possible both at high and low redshifts (Hamann & Ferland 1993; Garnica et al. 2022; Floris et al. 2024). The geometry of the outflow would contribute a factor 3 via the comparison between the spherically symmetric case and a flat layer. The 1σ uncertainty in the emitting radius is $\pm 30\%$ if ascribed only to the uncertainty of the scaling law parameter, while uncertainty on the outflow velocity is typically $\sim 30\%$. Propagating these uncertainties quadratically would result in a typical factor of ≈ 5 at 1σ confidence level.

Similar considerations were applied to [O III]: a factor of ≈ 3 at 1σ in density, a factor of ≈ 2 in Z and in the luminosity-to-ionized mass gas conversion, and a factor of ≈ 2 in the zero point of the radius–luminosity ($L([\text{O III}]])$ relation. These factors contribute to a comparable uncertainty estimate, a factor of ≈ 5 at 1σ confidence level, and should be taken into account in the interpretation of the analysis that follows.

5.2.1. [O III] $\lambda 5007$

We consider a situation where the outflow radius r is allowed to vary depending on the [O III] $\lambda 5007$ luminosity of each source. In the case of sources spanning four orders of magnitude in luminosity, it is nonphysical to assume that the size of the emitting region is constant, as there is evidence of compact emission at low- z (Zamanov et al. 2002), and of kiloparsec(kpc)-sized outflows at high luminosity (e.g., Harrison et al. 2014). Conventional scaling laws of narrow-line regions with luminosity are not expected to exclusively trace the outflowing [O III] component (Bennert et al. 2002, 2006).

Figure 11 shows the outflow radius as a function of the [O III] $\lambda 5007$ luminosity for the integral field spectroscopy (IFU) data analyzed by Villar-Martín et al. (2016), Fischer et al. (2018), Tadhunter et al. (2018), Kakkad et al. (2020), and Singha et al. (2022), where we also show a least squares linear relation between these two quantities, imposing a slope of 0.5:

$$\log(r) = (0.5) \times \log(L_{[\text{O III}], \text{full}}) + (-21.7 \pm 0.1). \quad (9)$$

The slope 0.5, which gives a reasonable representation of the radius– $L_{[\text{O III}]}$ relation in Fig. 11, is imposed to ensure consistent ionization conditions as a function of luminosity. This scaling relation was then applied to our sources, considering the luminosity of the entire [O III] emission line profile. Our low- z sample exhibits [O III] luminosities (full profile) ranging from approximately $10^{40.6}$ up to $10^{43.1}$ erg s $^{-1}$, while the high- z sources have luminosities of between $10^{43.4}$ and $10^{44.9}$ erg s $^{-1}$. Consequently, we find [O III] outflow radii r ranging from ~ 0.04 to 0.71 kpc at low- z , in agreement with recent values obtained for IFU resolved [O III] in low- z AGN (see e.g. Deconto-Machado et al. 2022), and from 0.97 to 5.81 kpc at high- z .

The parameters used to estimate the outflow properties associated with the [O III] $\lambda 5007$ emission line are listed in Table A.1.

The estimated values of the mass rate $\dot{M}_{\text{out}}$ derived from Equation (B.2) in the Appendix span from ~ 0.08 to $3.43 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ for low luminosities ($\lesssim 10^{46}$ erg s $^{-1}$) and from ~ 6.2 to $114.0 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ for higher luminosities.

The relations between the [O III] outflow kinetic power $\dot{E}_{\text{kin}}$ and thrust $\dot{M}_{\text{out}} v_{\text{out}}$ with the bolometric luminosity L_{bol} are shown in Fig. 12. We assume a density of $n_{\text{H}} = 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ for both high- and low- z contexts. For metallicity, we adopt $Z = 5Z_{\odot}$ for low- z , considering the compactness of the outflow, and $Z = 2Z_{\odot}$ for high- z , aligning with the typical values used in the computations for the NLR metallicity at high z (see e.g., Xu et al. 2018). Additionally, as detailed in Appendix B.1, we assume the outflow velocity to be $c(1/2)$ of the BLUE component. If instead we were to follow the assumption of $c(1/2) + 2\sigma$ as done by Fiore et al. (2017), this would result in an ~ 2.5 larger outflow velocity in our estimates of the outflow parameters. Typical errors are represented in the error bars of Fig. 12. The results of the linear correlation analysis between these outflow parameters for [O III] $\lambda 5007$ and C IV $\lambda 1549$ are reported in Table 14. We find correlation coefficients of 0.66 and 0.74 (with p -value of $\sim 10^{-7}$ and $\sim 10^{-9}$, respectively) between the kinetic power and

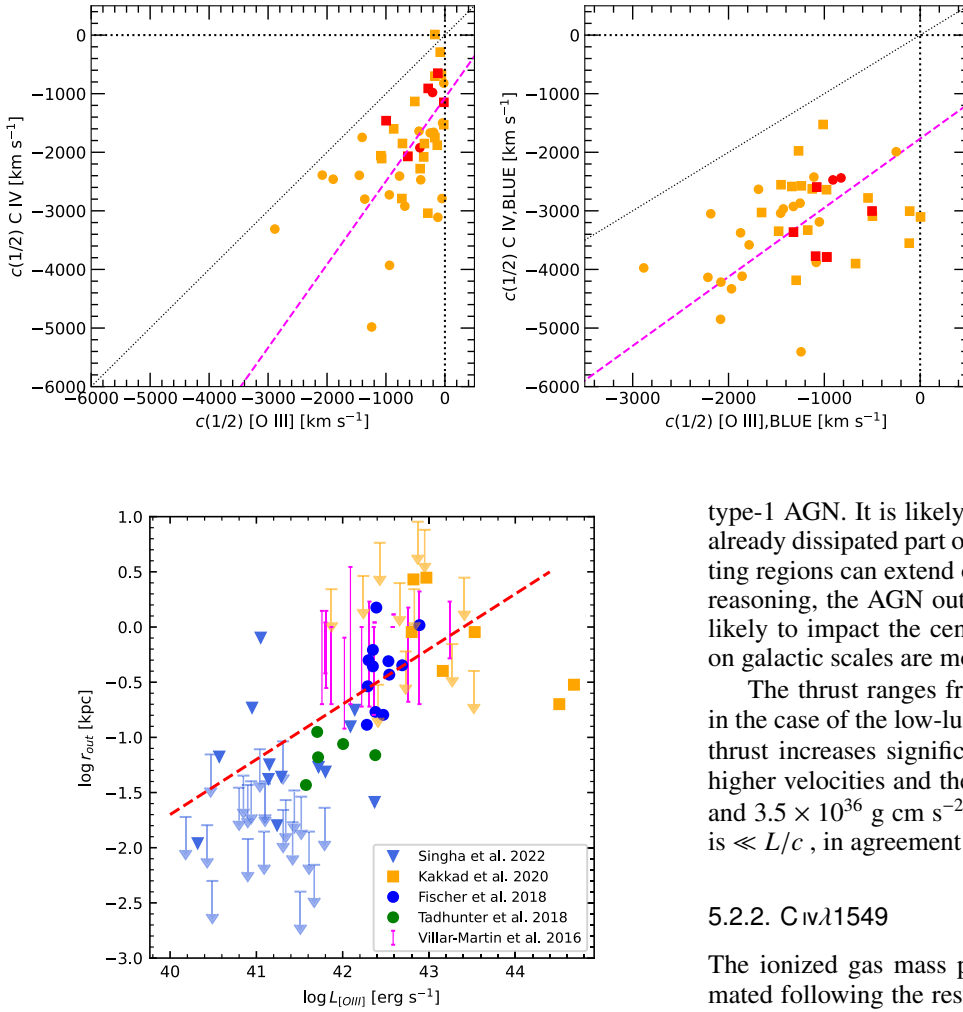


Fig. 10. Centroid velocity at half flux intensity ($c(1/2)$) of C IV $\lambda 1549$ vs. $c(1/2)$ of [O III] $\lambda 5007$ for the full (*left*) and outflow (*right*) profiles of the high- z sample. The magenta lines indicate the linear regression between $c(1/2)$ of C IV and [O III] for both cases obtained through the bisector method. Dotted black lines represent the 1:1 relation. The color scheme is the same as in Fig. 4.

type-1 AGN. It is likely that part of the [O III] emitting gas has already dissipated part of its energy and momentum, as the emitting regions can extend over several kpc. Along the same line of reasoning, the AGN outflows traced by the [O III] emission are likely to impact the central kiloparsecs scales, but their effects on galactic scales are more debatable.

The thrust ranges from $\sim 2.2 \times 10^{32}$ to 3.1×10^{34} g cm s $^{-2}$ in the case of the low-luminosity sample; at high luminosity, the thrust increases significantly to the larger outflow masses and higher velocities and the values are found between $\sim 3.3 \times 10^{34}$ and 3.5×10^{36} g cm s $^{-2}$. In all cases, however, the [O III] thrust is $\ll L/c$, in agreement with Vietri et al. (2020).

5.2.2. C IV $\lambda 1549$

The ionized gas mass producing the C IV $\lambda 1549$ line was estimated following the results obtained from CLOUDY photoionization computations by using two different SEDs representing the two main samples of sources considered in this work: a SED from Mathews & Ferland (1987) for the low- z FOS sample, and the more appropriate SED from Krawczyk et al. (2013) for high-luminosity high- z ISAAC and HEMS samples, and taking also into account the constraints imposed by the measurements of the observed quantities in the spectra, such as the W(C IV) or the C IV $\lambda 1549/H\beta$ ratio. All the calculations and assumptions for the C IV outflow parameters are reported in Appendix B.2. For C IV $\lambda 1549$, we consider that (at variance with [O III]) the C IV outflow is accelerated to a final outflow velocity of $c(1/2) + 2\sigma$ of the blueshifted component.

As in [O III], we estimated the radius r independently for each source, and based on the luminosity at 1350 Å. In the case of C IV, we use the consolidated scaling relation of Kaspi et al. (2021):

$$\frac{r_{\text{BLR}}}{10 \text{ lt days}} = (0.34 \pm 0.11) \left(\frac{\lambda L_{\lambda}(1350 \text{ Å})}{10^{43} \text{ erg s}^{-1}} \right)^{0.45 \pm 0.05}, \quad (10)$$

where r_{BLR} is the radius of the BLR.

For our sources, the specific luminosities at 1350 Å range from approximately $10^{44.5}$ up to $10^{46.5}$ erg s $^{-1}$ at low z and from $10^{45.9}$ to $10^{47.6}$ erg s $^{-1}$ at high z . With these luminosity values, we find C IV $\lambda 1549$ outflow radii varying from 0.06 to 0.37 pc at high z and 0.01 to 0.11 pc at low z .

Table A.1 lists the properties of the C IV $\lambda 1549$ used in estimating the outflow parameters. The relations between the C IV outflow parameters and the bolometric luminosity are shown

Fig. 11. Relation between the outflow radius in kiloparsecs and the luminosity of the [O III] $\lambda 5007$ emission line for the five plotted samples. The red dashed line represents the adopted least squares linear regression. Magenta vertical lines symbolise the minimum and maximum estimated radii in the Villar-Martin sample. Arrows correspond to upper limits.

the thrust with the bolometric luminosity. Similar correlations have already been extensively discussed by other authors (e.g., Carniani et al. 2015; Feruglio et al. 2015; Fiore et al. 2017, and references therein).

In our analysis of [O III] $\dot{E}_{\text{kin}}$ with luminosity-dependent r , none of the sources display a ratio reaching at least 5% of the bolometric luminosity (filled line in Fig. 12), a threshold needed for a significant impact on the host galaxy dynamics, and to account for the black hole mass–velocity dispersion correlation and host-spheroid co-evolution (e.g., Di Matteo et al. 2005). Star formation quenching might be easier, if an AGN outflow induces a wind in the diffuse interstellar medium that in turn induces a flattening and shredding of molecular clouds (Hopkins & Elvis 2010). A threshold for this effect occurs when the kinetic efficiency is much lower than the 5% limit, $\dot{E}_{\text{kin}}/L_{\text{bol}} \sim 5 \times 10^{-3}$ (short dashed line in Fig. 12). Based on the criteria of both Hopkins & Elvis (2010) and Di Matteo et al. (2005), the [O III] $\lambda 5007$ outflow parameters do not provide an efficient feedback mechanism, at either low or high z (although see the discussion of Section 5.2.3). Similar results have recently been found at low redshift (Kim et al. 2023, and references therein). These latter authors derived $\dot{E}_{\text{kin}} \lesssim 0.1\% L_{\text{bol}}$ for a sample of low- z

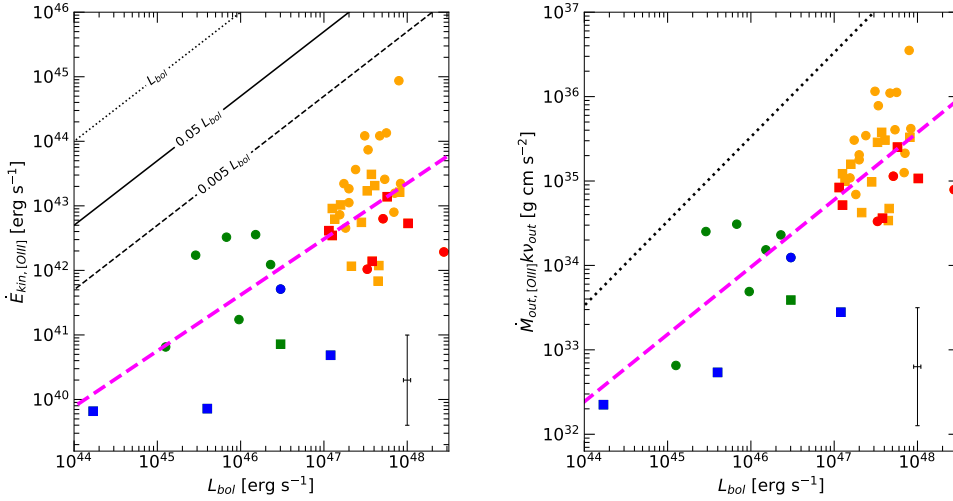


Fig. 12. Kinetic power $\dot{E}_{kin}$ (left) and thrust (right) vs. bolometric luminosity for the [O III] λ 5007 outflow. The two outflow parameters were estimated by varying the outflow radius according to Eq. (9) and assuming $v_{out} = c(1/2)$. Magenta dashed lines indicate the least-squares linear regression. Black dotted, continuous, and dashed lines on the left plot show $\dot{E}_{kin} = L_{bol}$, $\dot{E}_{kin} = 0.05 L_{bol}$, and $\dot{E}_{kin} = 0.005 L_{bol}$, respectively. The dotted line in the right panel indicates $\dot{M}_{out} v_o = L_{bol}/c$. Typical uncertainties are displayed in the bottom-right corner of the plots. The color scheme is the same as in Fig. 4.

Table 13. Summary of assumed scaling relations and parameter values for wind dynamics.

Parameter	Low z		High z	
	C IV	[O III]	C IV	[O III]
M_{ion}	$\propto L_{CIV}^{out}$	$\propto L_{[OIII]}^{out}$	$\propto L_{CIV}^{out}$	$\propto L_{[OIII]}^{out}$
$Z [Z_{\odot}]$	5	5	5	2
$n_H [cm^{-3}]$	$10^{9.5}$	10^3	$10^{9.5}$	10^3
$r [cm]$	$\propto \lambda L_{\lambda}(1350)$	$\propto L([O III])$	$\propto \lambda L_{\lambda}(1350)$	$\propto L([O III])$
$v [km s^{-1}]$	$c(\frac{1}{2}) + 2\sigma$	$c(\frac{1}{2})$	$c(\frac{1}{2}) + 2\sigma$	$c(\frac{1}{2})$

Table 14. Least-squares linear relations ($y = a + b * x$) between different outflow properties and the bolometric luminosity.

y	x	Sources	$a \pm \delta a$	$b \pm \delta b$	RMSE	CC	ρ -value
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
[O III] λ 5007							
$\log \dot{E}_{kin,44}$	$\log L_{bol,44}$	45	-4.09 ± 0.44	0.86 ± 0.14	0.009	0.69	1.7×10^{-6}
$\log \dot{M}_{out} v_{o,34}$	$\log L_{bol,44}$	45	-1.62 ± 0.31	0.79 ± 0.09	0.017	0.78	2.7×10^{-10}
C IV λ 1549							
$\log \dot{E}_{kin,44}$	$\log L_{bol,44}$	68	-3.59 ± 0.25	1.24 ± 0.08	0.075	0.87	2.1×10^{-22}
$\log \dot{M}_{out} v_{o,34}$	$\log L_{bol,44}$	68	-2.08 ± 0.22	1.19 ± 0.07	0.069	0.90	3.7×10^{-25}

Notes. (1), (2) Fitted parameters. (3) Number of sources. (4), (5) Linear correlation coefficients. (6) Root mean square error. (7), (8) Pearson r score and its associated null hypothesis probability value.

in Fig. 13 and the respective linear correlations are reported in Table 14. The outflow parameters considered in this work (kinetic power $\dot{E}_{kin}$ and thrust $\dot{M}_{out} v_o$) show very good correlations with the bolometric luminosity (as expected), reaching correlation coefficients of ~ 0.9 and $P \ll 10^{-20}$ in both cases.

The left plot of Fig. 13 shows the kinetic power of C IV outflows. We find that 15 of the 42 high- z sources present a $\dot{E}_{kin}/L_{bol}$ ratio of $\geq 5 \times 10^{-3}$, 8 of them show an $\dot{E}_{kin}/L_{bol}$ of around 0.01, and 3 sources exhibit a ratio of close to 0.05 (between 1 to 3%). The situation is different when we consider the low- z sample. In this case, only two sources, [HB89]1259+593 and [HB89]1543+489, have a $\dot{E}_{kin}/L_{bol}$ ratio of $\geq 5 \times 10^{-3}$. This is hardly surprising considering that the luminosity of the BLUE component is highly correlated with 1350Å luminosity with a slope $\approx 1.8 \gg 1$, and that outflow velocities are systematically higher at high L . At high L , the kinetic power reaches values for which a substantial feedback effect might be possible: a considerable fraction of sources present $\dot{E}_{kin} \geq 0.005 L_{bol}$ and some

of them are close to the limit $0.05 L_{bol}$, which is the minimum energetic requirement for feedback to lead to the black hole mass–host velocity dispersion relation according to Di Matteo et al. (2005).

The right panel of Fig. 13 shows the behavior of the thrust in different luminosity ranges. Thrust values from $\sim 10^{35}$ to 10^{36} g cm s $^{-2}$ at high luminosity and from $\sim 10^{32}$ to 10^{35} g cm s $^{-2}$ at low L . At high luminosity, the thrust values are slightly closer to their AGN L/c momentum rate than at low luminosity. It seems reasonable that the C IV-emitting gas in the inner BLR may not have yet suffered losses in energy and momentum (unlike [O III]), which would imply that, at least at high L , the outflow is somehow able to exploit the full luminosity of the continuum for its acceleration. Radiative acceleration is apparently less efficient at low z . The reason for the difference—at low luminosity, most sources remain substantially below the threshold lines at $0.005 L_{bol}$ and L_{bol}/c —is not entirely clear. A simple explanation is that the acceleration might involve a smaller fraction of the gas mass at low L .

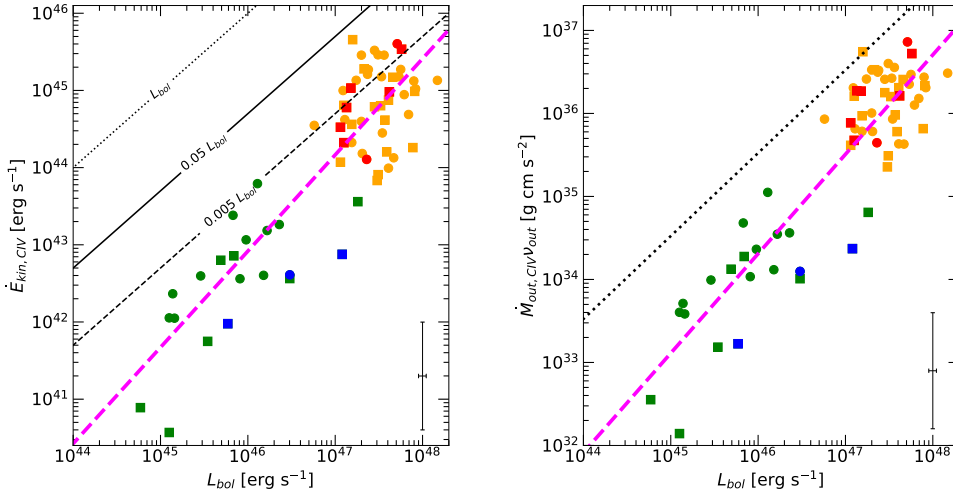


Fig. 13. Kinetic power $\dot{E}_{kin}$ (left plot) and thrust (right) vs. bolometric luminosity for the CIV λ 1549 emission line. The two outflow parameters were estimated by varying the outflow radius depending on λL_{λ} as defined in Kaspi et al. (2021). Magenta dashed lines indicate the least squares linear regression. Black dotted, continuous, and dashed lines show $\dot{E}_{kin} = L_{bol}$, $\dot{E}_{kin} = 0.05 L_{bol}$, and $\dot{E}_{kin} = 0.005 L_{bol}$ respectively. The dotted line in the right panel indicates $\dot{M}_{out} v_o = L_{bol}/c$. Typical uncertainties are displayed in the bottom-right corner of the plots. The color scheme is the same as that in Fig. 4.

Table 15. Average values and standard deviations of the [O III] λ 5007 and CIV λ 1549 outflow parameters for the different samples.

Sample	[O III] λ 5007			CIV λ 1549		
	$\dot{M}_{out}$ [$M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$]	$\dot{M}_{out} v_o$ [$10^{35} \text{ g cm s}^{-2}$]	$\dot{E}_{kin}$ [$10^{43} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$]	$\dot{M}_{out}$ [$M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$]	$\dot{M}_{out} v_o$ [$10^{36} \text{ g cm s}^{-2}$]	$\dot{E}_{kin}$ [$10^{45} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$]
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
ISAAC	34.35 ± 24.73	3.12 ± 3.48	3.50 ± 5.30	38.59 ± 20.25	3.05 ± 1.53	2.03 ± 1.16
HEMS	28.71 ± 30.01	4.07 ± 9.03	10.11 ± 29.33	24.32 ± 14.51	1.18 ± 0.87	0.48 ± 0.45
FOS	1.58 ± 1.12	0.11 ± 0.11	0.24 ± 0.34	0.37 ± 0.39	0.01 ± 0.01	0.01 ± 0.01

Notes. (1) Sample identification. (2), (3), (4) Outflow mass rate, thrust, and kinetic power of [O III] outflows. (5), (6), (7) Same for CIV outflows.

Lowering the gas density by an order of magnitude would reconcile the low- z values with the critical limits. A lower density (or a higher degree of ionization, see Appendix B.2) would increase the gas mass needed to explain the observed line luminosity and thus increase the outflowing gas mass proportionally. Lower-density gas might be associated with lower-column-density gas, which can be more efficiently accelerated (Netzer & Marziani 2010).

We conclude that there is the possibility of a significant feedback effect due to the mildly ionized BLR outflow from the high-ionization broad-line gas observed in luminous quasars at the cosmic noon, and that this possibility appears more remote for lower-luminosity, low- z quasars. This conclusion appears to be valid for both RQ and RL sources: the slightly lower velocities measured on the CIV λ 1549 profile of the RLs are not enough to significantly affect the outflow dynamical parameters with respect to the RQ population (Fig. 13).

5.2.3. Comparison between the outflow parameters of [O III] λ 5007 and CIV λ 1549

The average values and standard deviations of [O III] λ 5007 and CIV λ 1549 outflow parameters for the three analyzed samples (ISAAC and HEMS at high- z , and FOS at low- z) are listed in Table 15. Figure 14 presents a comparison between the estimated kinetic power and thrust for the [O III] λ 5007 (left panel) and CIV λ 1549 (right panel) emission lines. From the results obtained independently for [O III] and CIV and at high- and low- z , in the previous sections, as well as from the comparison of the outflow parameters in the BLR and NLR through the analysis of both lines, we make the following inferences:

- The ISAAC and HEMS (high-redshift) samples share similar values for the outflow parameters, mass-outflow rate, thrust, and kinetic power. This is true for both [O III] and CIV, with the CIV emission line presenting consistently stronger wind parameters than those estimated from [O III]. The FOS (low-redshift) sample exhibits substantially lower values for all outflow parameters ($\approx$ one and two orders of magnitude in [O III] and CIV, respectively).
- At high redshift, the CIV outflow parameters indicate a significant influence: 16 out of 42 have $\dot{E}_{kin} > 0.005 L_{bol}$, and in some cases this value approaches $\sim 3\%$ of L_{bol} . Regarding [O III], our results suggest that although the outflowing gas at high redshift seems to be induced by the AGN, its impact is possibly restricted to the central kiloparsecs due to its low efficiency.
- In contrast to the outflows at low redshift, some of the CIV outflows at high redshift exhibit thrust values on the order of L_{bol}/c , suggesting that the outflowing gas in this scenario may be momentum-conserving. This characteristic is not observed in [O III] for either high- or low-redshift ranges.
- It is intriguing that, at low- z , CIV and [O III] have consistent thrust values, which is at variance with high-luminosity sources (Fig. 14), even if both of them fall short of the L/c line. If this is accurate, it might be a consequence of the compactness of the emitting regions in low- z quasars: $\dot{M}_{out} v_o$ is inversely proportional to the radius and in the case of the low-luminosity NLSy1s, the [O III]-emitting regions might be very compact ($\lesssim 10$ pc), therefore preserving a signature of the AGN radiative acceleration.

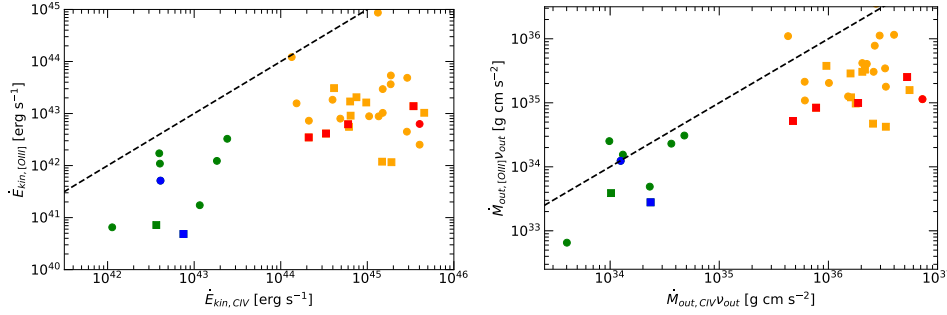


Fig. 14. Comparison between the kinetic power $\dot{E}_{kin}$ (left) and thrust (right) of [O III] λ 5007 and C IV λ 1549 outflows, for high- z (orange and red symbols) and low- z (blue and green symbols) sources. Both parameters have been estimated by evaluating the outflow radius in each source according to Eqs. (9) and (10) for [O III] and C IV, respectively. Black dashed lines indicate the 1:1 relation. The color scheme is the same as in Fig. 4.

5.3. A tentative physical explanation for the RL/RQ difference in wind profiles

Observations of the C IV λ 1549 line in the ISAAC sample suggest systematically lower blueshifts for RL than for RQ quasars, in agreement with previous studies both at high and low- z (see e.g., Wills et al. 1995; Sulentic et al. 1995; Corbin & Boroson 1996; Marziani et al. 1996; Richards et al. 2011). According to Sulentic et al. (2015, and references therein), two phenomena might be relevant here.

First, the pressure exerted by the jet in its propagation surpasses the thermal pressure of the BLR gas and the hydrostatic pressure of the expected emitting gas for the blueshifted component attributed to the accretion disc wind. This suggests the existence of an “avoidance zone” near the radio axis that may be wider in the case of powerful relativistic jets, potentially suppressing emission along radial lines close to the jet axis. The second important phenomenon to be considered is the impact on the inner BLR due to the cocoon associated with the relativistic ejection. The wind might start farther from the central BH due to cocoon pressure, reaching a lower terminal velocity.

6. Conclusions

We present an additional sample of ten high-redshift, high-luminosity quasars observed with the VLT/ISAAC spectrograph, completing our ISAAC sample, discussed in Paper I. These data cover the H β spectral range, shifted to the near-infrared due to its redshift, and are combined with rest-frame UV spectra observed in the optical and available in the literature. The analysis at high redshift involves 32 sources from our ISAAC sample and 28 sources from the HEMS survey, including both RL and RQ sources and with bolometric luminosities in the range from $\approx 10^{47}$ to $10^{48.5}$ [erg s $^{-1}$]. A comparison sample is made with 84 low-redshift, low-luminosity sources selected from the FOS data. We performed a spectroscopic exploration of UV and optical emission line diagnostics along the quasar main sequence, including a dedicated analysis of the differences between RL and RQ sources at both high and low redshifts. Additionally, we investigated the main feedback properties from both the BLR and NLR using high-ionization lines (C IV and [O III], respectively). Our main conclusions are as follows.

1. The shift in the main sequence toward broader H β profiles and higher R_{FeII} observed at high redshift in Paper I is reconfirmed with the inclusion of the ten new sources. RL quasars from our high- z sample consistently exhibit a tendency toward lower R_{FeII} compared to the RQ ones.
2. High- z RL/RQ sources have stronger outflows than low- z RL/RQ sources as inferred from both [O III] λ 5007 and C IV λ 1549, which indicates that the accretion rate may be the primary driver of these outflows.

3. RL sources have smaller outflows compared to RQ sources in both high- and low- z ranges. This suggests that the radio-loudness has a second-order effect on the outflow. However, more data on high- z RL sources are needed.
4. Both RQ and RL outflows may induce a significant feedback effect at the high luminosities encountered in the high- z sample.
5. In the end, the outflow “power” is proportional to the AGN luminosity, via the line luminosity that enters linearly, and the increase in outflow velocity with luminosity that is expected to be weaker ($\propto L^{\frac{1}{4}}$ for a radiation driven wind). However, this increase becomes more significant if a luminosity range as large as $\sim 10^3$ – 10^4 is considered, as in the case of the samples presented in this paper. Within limited luminosity ranges, the dominant effect is associated with the radiative output per unit mass (i.e., the Eddington ratio).
6. The C IV λ 1549 line follows the same trends as [O III] λ 5007, albeit with larger outflow velocities and stronger outflow parameters. The relations between these two emission lines does not seem to be affected by the radio emission.

Our findings suggest that, regardless of the influence of accretion and radio emission, the outflow is likely to significantly affect the host galaxy at high luminosity. Less clear is the role of outflows from the BLR and NLR at low- z due to the much lower luminosity and smaller outflow velocity.

Data availability

Table 2 and spectra are available at the CDS via anonymous ftp to cdsarc.cds.unistra.fr (130.79.128.5) or via <https://cdsarc.cds.unistra.fr/viz-bin/cat/J/A+A/691/A15>.

The spectra and fittings of the ten new sources presented in this paper are available at <https://zenodo.org/records/13332221>

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Appendix A: Additional table

Table A.1. Properties of the [O III] λ 5007 and C IV λ 1549 outflows for the objects of each sample considered in this work that present clear outflows.

Source	L_{bol} [erg s ⁻¹]	[O III]					C IV					
		L_{full} [erg s ⁻¹]	L_{SBC} [erg s ⁻¹]	r_{out} [kpc]	$L_{\text{SBC}}/L_{\text{tot}}$	$c(1/2)_{\text{SBC}}$ [km s ⁻¹]	L_{BLUE} [erg s ⁻¹]	$L(1350\text{\AA})$ [erg s ⁻¹]	r_{out} [pc]	$c(1/2)_{\text{BLUE}}$ [km s ⁻¹]	$\text{FWHM}_{\text{BLUE}}$ [km s ⁻¹]	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	
ISAAC1+ISAAC2												
[HB89] 0029+073	47.65	44.02	43.97	2.03	1.00	-396	no C IV spectrum available					
SDSSJ005700.18+143737.7	47.56		[O III] not covered by the spectrum					44.74	46.73	0.14	-4765	13187
PKS0226-038	47.18		full [O III] $c(1/2) > -250$ km s ⁻¹					44.77	46.81	0.15	-2593	10535
PKS0237-23	47.76	44.06	43.98	2.13	0.83	-1091	45.43	47.48	0.30	-3773	10778	
BZQJ0544-2241	47.52	43.81	43.47	1.60	0.45	-620	C IV at the edge of the spectrum					
CTSJ01.03	47.37		full [O III] $c(1/2) > -250$ km s ⁻¹					45.49	47.68	0.37	-2423	9263
WB J0948+0855	47.45		no [O III] outflow detected					44.29	46.97	0.17	-6917	22060
CTSJ03.14	47.62		full [O III] $c(1/2) > -250$ km s ⁻¹					45.05	47.59	0.33	-3003	10299
SDSSJ114358.52+052444.9	47.20	43.41	43.31	1.02	0.78	-1294	45.17	47.30	0.25	-4185	14345	
SDSSJ115954.33+201921.1	47.66	44.32	44.06	2.89	0.55	-498	45.21	47.47	0.29	-3090	9933	
SDSSJ120147.90+120630.2	47.91	44.65	44.49	4.20	0.62	-977	45.32	47.40	0.27	-2639	7464	
SDSSJ132012.33+142037.1	47.24	43.98	43.79	1.95	0.64	-1428	45.04	46.87	0.16	-2967	8739	
SDSSJ135831.78+050522.8	47.49	44.16	44.13	2.39	0.90	-2079	45.05	47.12	0.20	-4217	11983	
Q1410+096	47.73	44.34	44.20	2.95	0.73	-1254	44.88	47.15	0.21	-4135	10881	
PKS1448-232	47.58	44.11	43.49	2.27	0.24	-753	no C IV spectrum available					
SDSSJ153830.55+085517.0	47.33	43.56	43.56	1.20	1.00	-544	45.31	47.39	0.27	-2780	10024	
[HB89]1559+088	47.57	44.06	43.82	2.15	0.56	-1611	44.92	47.21	0.22	-2554	7129	
SDSSJ161458.33+144836.9	47.53	44.18	44.06	2.45	0.75	-1874	45.15	47.26	0.24	-3375	9333	
PKS1937-101	48.44	44.79	44.55	4.97	0.57	-483	no C IV spectrum available					
PKS2000-330	47.71	44.43	44.06	3.27	0.42	-826	45.27	46.50	0.11	-4325	7835	
SDSSJ210524.49+000407.3	47.79		full [O III] $c(1/2) > -250$ km s ⁻¹					44.71	47.40	0.27	-5071	10418
SDSSJ210831.56-063022.5	47.30	43.37	43.37	0.97	1.00	-1243	44.88	47.22	0.23	-5406	13618	
SDSSJ212329.46-005052.9	47.75	43.95	43.90	1.88	0.88	-2376	45.21	47.51	0.31	-3974	10217	
PKS2126-15	48.01	44.38	43.85	3.08	0.30	-988	no C IV spectrum available					
FBQSJ2149-0811	47.26	43.68	43.08	1.38	0.25	-1291	no C IV spectrum available					
SDSSJ235808.54+012507.2	47.92	44.40	44.40	3.15	1.00	-1052	45.04	47.08	0.20	-3189	8302	
HEMS												
HE0035-2853	47.19		full [O III] $c(1/2) > -250$ km s ⁻¹					44.79	46.73	0.14	-3028	5530
HE0043-2300	47.36		full [O III] $c(1/2) > -250$ km s ⁻¹					44.73	46.75	0.14	-2472	3840
HE0058-3231	47.49		full [O III] $c(1/2) > -250$ km s ⁻¹					44.63	46.70	0.13	-3004	5200
HE0109-3518	47.61		full [O III] $c(1/2) > -250$ km s ⁻¹					45.31	47.63	0.35	-1991	3020
HE0122-3759	47.38	43.65	43.35	1.34	0.63	-2083	45.17	47.08	0.20	-4851	7520	
HE0203-4627	47.10	43.41	42.80	1.02	0.24	-1322	44.25	46.46	0.10	-3362	6450	
HE0205-3756	47.85	46.84	43.56	1.73	0.48	-1456	45.14	47.11	0.20	-3040	4640	
HE0248-3628	46.76		full [O III] $c(1/2) > -250$ km s ⁻¹					44.80	46.98	0.18	-3880	5140
HE0251-5550	47.84	44.42	43.74	3.22	0.16	-1253	45.45	47.38	0.27	-2869	4170	
HE0349-5249	47.89		full [O III] $c(1/2) > -250$ km s ⁻¹					45.07	47.06	0.19	-3104	5525
HE0359-3959	47.11		[O III] region dominated by Fe II					44.11	46.54	0.11	-6042	7940
HE0436-3709	47.48		full [O III] $c(1/2) > -250$ km s ⁻¹					44.05	45.97	0.06	-3551	5670
HE0507-3236	47.19	43.82	43.32	1.61	0.36	-1323	44.68	46.69	0.13	-2925	4720	
HE0512-3329	47.30	43.77	43.31	1.52	0.40	-1785	44.63	46.32	0.09	-3581	5000	
HE0926-0201	47.61	44.31	44.01	2.84	0.41	-1338	45.36	47.13	0.21	-2584	5560	
HE0940-1050	47.90	44.93	44.26	5.81	0.75	-4857	45.40	47.48	0.30	-4331	6270	
HE1039-0724	47.06		full [O III] $c(1/2) > -250$ km s ⁻¹					44.70	46.73	0.14	-1976	4350
HE1104-1805	47.54		full [O III] $c(1/2) > -250$ km s ⁻¹					45.08	47.15	0.21	-2632	4610
HE1120+0154	47.59		full [O III] $c(1/2) > -250$ km s ⁻¹					45.08	47.06	0.19	-1526	4400
HE1347-2457	48.17		[O III] region dominated by Fe II					45.54	47.53	0.31	-5538	7720
HE1349+0007	47.10	43.42	43.08	1.03	0.35	-1477	45.06	46.85	0.16	-3347	5377	
HE1409+0101	47.52	44.18	44.03	2.46	0.74	-1173	45.11	46.97	0.17	-3328	5390	
HE2147-3212	47.09		full [O III] $c(1/2) > -250$ km s ⁻¹					44.96	46.82	0.15	-4116	6650
HE2156-4020	47.45	43.66	43.34	1.35	0.51	-1126	45.46	47.38	0.27	-2625	5000	
HE2202-2557	47.13	43.53	43.20	1.16	0.38	-1240	45.22	46.66	0.13	-2573	4490	
HE2349-3800	47.06	43.69	43.41	1.40	0.65	-975	44.48	46.45	0.10	-3788	5710	
HE2352-4010	47.67	44.25	44.11	2.67	0.79	-2185	44.82	47.14	0.21	-3050	3760	

Table A.1. continued.

Source	L_{bol} [erg s ⁻¹]	[O III]					C IV				
		L_{full} [erg s ⁻¹]	L_{SBC} [erg s ⁻¹]	r_{out} [kpc]	$I_{\text{SBC}}/I_{\text{tot}}$	$c(1/2)_{\text{SBC}}$ [km s ⁻¹]	L_{BLUE} [erg s ⁻¹]	$L(1350\text{\AA})$ [erg s ⁻¹]	r_{out} [pc]	$c(1/2)_{\text{BLUE}}$ [km s ⁻¹]	$\text{FWHM}_{\text{BLUE}}$ [km s ⁻¹]
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
FOS											
PG 0044+030	46.48	43.05	43.00	0.66	0.75	-366	42.01	46.01	0.06	-3251	4580
Mrk 1502	45.46	41.14	40.73	0.07	0.55	-1352	41.25	44.58	0.01	-2270	6750
3C 057	46.48	43.10	42.84	0.71	0.61	-817	42.38	46.45	0.10	-3355	3697
3C 84	44.23	42.32	41.25	0.28	0.91	-437	C IV strongly affected by noise				
LEDA 75249	45.84	no [O III] outflow detected					42.01	45.53	0.04	-2206	6318
[HB89] 0850+440	46.18	42.37	42.10	0.31	0.54	-1396	42.12	45.71	0.05	-2926	3739
SDSS J100402.61+285535.3	46.36	42.88	42.77	0.55	0.70	-1058	42.18	45.81	0.05	-3198	8043
PG 1116+215	45.98	42.83	42.44	0.52	0.36	-700	41.93	45.68	0.05	-2882	8348
LBQS 1138+0204	45.69	no [O III] outflow detected					41.57	45.32	0.03	-2553	8122
3C 273	47.08	43.10	42.94	0.71	0.69	-344	42.62	46.35	0.09	-1645	5587
SBS 1259+593	46.11	no [O III] outflow detected					42.74	46.15	0.07	-3866	8394
FBQS J131217.7+351521	45.60	42.15	41.98	0.24	0.62	-264	full C IV $c(1/2) > -250$, strongly affected by absorption				
FBQS J1405+2555	45.14	no [O III] outflow detected					41.23	45.37	0.03	-3841	6074
[HB89] 1415+451	45.10	40.62	40.60	0.04	1.00	-593	41.21	44.65	0.02	-1472	4862
[HB89] 1425+267	45.54	no [O III] outflow detected					40.64	44.82	0.02	-4283	3543
Mrk 478	45.16	no [O III] outflow detected					41.26	44.89	0.02	-1526	5032
[HB89] 1444+407	45.91	no [O III] outflow detected					41.92	45.64	0.04	-3110	4232
[HB89] 1538+477	47.26	no [O III] outflow detected					42.64	46.49	0.11	-3492	9104
[HB89] 1543+489	45.83	41.89	41.81	0.18	0.84	-2105	42.30	45.81	0.05	-3301	7901
Mrk 509	45.10	no [O III] outflow detected					39.73	44.52	0.01	-2713	3069
PG 2112+059	46.22	no [O III] outflow detected					42.33	45.90	0.06	-3120	6573
MR 2251-178	44.77	no [O III] outflow detected					40.32	44.54	0.01	-2363	2334
[HB89] 2349-014	45.77	no [O III] outflow detected					40.17	44.53	0.01	-5746	6476

Notes. (1) Source identification. (2) Bolometric luminosity. (3) Luminosity of the [O III] full profile applied in the scaling law for estimating the outflow radius r_{out} (Eq. 9). (4) Luminosity of only the [O III] outflowing component, named AS SBC for [O III]. (5) [O III] outflow radius estimated using the Eq. 9. (6) [O III] SBC relative intensity. (7) Outflow velocity that we assume to be the centroid at $\frac{1}{2}$ intensity of the [O III] SBC component. (8) Luminosity of the C IV outflowing BLUE component. (9) Specific luminosity at 1350Å, entering in Eq. 10. (10) Estimated C IV outflow radius. (11) C IV outflow velocity. (12) FWHM of the C IV $\lambda 1549$ BLUE component.

Appendix B: Details on the estimations of the outflow parameters

B.1. [O III] $\lambda\lambda 4959, 5007$

The expressions for the [O III] $\lambda 5007$ outflow parameters were derived by [Marziani et al. \(2017\)](#) assuming a bipolar outflow structure (c.f. [Kim et al. 2023](#), and references therein). All the [O III] $\lambda 5007$ outflow equations reported here are in accordance with the work of [Cano-Díaz et al. \(2012\)](#) and [Fiore et al. \(2017\)](#).

The [O III] $\lambda 5007$ luminosity can be related to the outflow mass by

$$\dot{M}_{\text{ion}} = 1 \times 10^7 L_{[\text{O III}],44}^{\text{out}} \left(\frac{Z}{5Z_{\odot}} \right)^{-1} n_{\text{H},3}^{-1} [\text{M}_{\odot}], \quad (\text{B.1})$$

where $L_{[\text{O III}],44}^{\text{out}}$ is the outflow-emitted luminosity of [O III] $\lambda 5007$ emission line in units of $10^{44} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$, the density (n_{H}) and the metallicity (Z) have been scaled to 10^3 cm^{-3} and 5 times solar, respectively.

If we assume that the outflow is confined to a solid angle Ω , then the mass outflow rate $\dot{M}_{\text{ion}}^{\text{out}}$ at a distance r can be written as:

$$\dot{M}_{\text{ion}} = 30 L_{[\text{O III}],44}^{\text{out}} v_{0,1000} r_{1\text{kpc}}^{-1} \left(\frac{Z}{5Z_{\odot}} \right)^{-1} n_{\text{H},3}^{-1} [\text{M}_{\odot} \text{yr}^{-1}]. \quad (\text{B.2})$$

Even if part of a nuclear outflow, the [O III] $\lambda\lambda 4959, 5007$ emitting gas is probably not being anymore accelerated by radiation pressure, and so we consider as maximum outflow velocity v_0 the centroid at 1/2 intensity of the BLUE component. If we assume the [O III] $\lambda 5007$ outflow to be nuclear, we can then suppose a super-solar chemical composition $Z = 5Z_{\odot}$ at low redshift, that is also consistent with the metallicity derived for the most metal rich bulge stars. At high redshift, there is no estimation we are aware of the chemical composition of the outflowing gas. A proxy is provided by the metallicity of the stellar component of the host galaxy ([Xu et al. 2018](#)), expected to be twice the solar value.

The thrust might be written as:

$$\dot{M}_{\text{ion}} v_0 = 1.9 \times 10^{35} L_{[\text{O III}],44}^{\text{out}} v_{0,1000}^2 r_{1\text{kpc}}^{-1} \left(\frac{Z}{5Z_{\odot}} \right)^{-1} n_{\text{H},3}^{-1} [\text{gcms}^{-2}]. \quad (\text{B.3})$$

Similarly, the kinetic power $\dot{E}_{\text{out}}$ is then given by $\dot{E}_{\text{out}} \sim \frac{1}{2} \dot{M}_{\text{out}} v_0^2$, which leads to

$$\dot{E}_{\text{kin}} = 9.6 \times 10^{42} L_{[\text{O III}],44}^{\text{out}} v_{0,1000}^3 r_{1\text{kpc}}^{-1} \left(\frac{Z}{5Z_{\odot}} \right)^{-1} n_{\text{H},3}^{-1} [\text{ergs}^{-2}]. \quad (\text{B.4})$$

B.2. C IV $\lambda 1549$

Both C IV $\lambda 1549$ and [O III] $\lambda\lambda 4959, 5007$ are predominantly produced by collisional excitation, for which the collisional excitation rate of Eq. 3.20 from [Osterbrock & Ferland \(2006\)](#) applies:

$$q_{12} = \frac{8.629 \cdot 10^{-6}}{T^{\frac{1}{2}}} \frac{\Upsilon}{g_1} \exp(-h\nu/kT) [\text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}] \quad (\text{B.5})$$

where $h\nu$ is the energy of the photon emitted in the transition ($1.28 \times 10^{-11} \text{ erg}$ in the case of C IV $\lambda 1549$), and k is the Boltzmann's constant in erg K^{-1} . Υ is the collision strength and is

almost independent from temperature ([Osterbrock & Ferland \(2006\)](#) yield $\Upsilon \approx 8.91$). The $g_1 = (2J + 1) = 2$, as the lower level of the transition is the ground state ($^2S_{\frac{1}{2}}$). The exponential argument is $h\nu/kT_{10000} \approx 9.28 T_{10000}^{-1}$, and dominates over the factor $T^{-\frac{1}{2}}$.

The mass of ionized gas is given by

$$M_{\text{C}^{+3}} \sim \frac{L_{\text{CIV}}}{(h\nu)_{\text{CIV}} q_{12} n_{\text{H}} [\text{C}/\text{H}] X_{\text{C}^{+3}}} \cdot \mu m_{\text{p}}. \quad (\text{B.6})$$

Here L_{CIV} is the C IV $\lambda 1549$ luminosity, $(h\nu)_{\text{CIV}}$ the C IV $\lambda 1549$ photon energy, $[\text{C}/\text{H}]$ the relative abundance of Carbon with respect to Hydrogen, in number: $8.43 \approx 12 + \log [\text{C}/\text{H}]$ for solar abundance, implying $[\text{C}/\text{H}] \approx 2.69 \cdot 10^{-4}$. The factor $X_{\text{C}^{+3}} = [\text{C}^{+3}]/\sum_i [\text{C}^{+i}] \leq 1$ is the **ionic** fraction of triply ionized Carbon, and μm_{p} is the molecular mass of the gas, with $\mu \approx 1.4$ (neglecting the mass of the metals), and m_{p} the proton mass.

The mass of the emitting gas strongly depends on temperature. A single value of the dynamical temperature could be assumed, in keeping with the simplest assumptions. However, the T value should be chosen carefully.

B.2.1. Observational constraints

To estimate a typical value of the dynamical temperature, we can apply two main observational constraints on the blueshifted emission due to the outflow:

- C IV $\lambda 1549$ equivalent width: in super-Eddington candidates, the equivalent width is typically very low $W \sim 10 \text{ \AA}$ and in Population A $W \lesssim 30 \text{ \AA}$ ([Kinney et al. 1990](#); [Sulentic et al. 2000b](#); [Marziani et al. 2016a](#); [Martínez-Aldama et al. 2018](#)). The sources that are radiating at high Eddington ratio are the ones showing the lowest W along the E1 main sequence, with a large fraction of them being weak lined quasars (WLQs) ([Shemmer et al. 2010](#); [Wu et al. 2012](#); [Marziani et al. 2016a](#); [Martínez-Aldama et al. 2018](#); [Jin et al. 2023](#)). Even for the Pop. B sources of the HEMS and ISAAC samples W C IV $\lambda 1549$ is usually below $\approx 50 \text{ \AA}$.
- C IV $\lambda 1549/\text{H}\beta$ ratio: its value, due to the absence of a strong $\text{H}\beta$ blueshifted component, can be assumed to be C IV $\lambda 1549/\text{H}\beta \gtrsim 5 \sim 10$ for blueshifted components.

The decomposition of the C IV $\lambda 1549$ profile in two components reveals very different properties and physical conditions for the outflow and virial component. In the outflow case, the C IV $\lambda 1549$ equivalent width is in the range from the detectability limit of a few $\text{\AA}$ to a few tens $\text{\AA}$. This observational constraint suggests that the outflow component of the C IV $\lambda 1549$ profile is not produced by gas in physical conditions optimized for its emission.

B.2.2. Photoionization modeling

The diagrams of Fig. B.1 show the W of C IV $\lambda 1549$ (left panels) and the C IV $\lambda 1549/\text{H}\beta$ ratio (right panels) as a function of the ionization parameter U , according to CLOUDY 17.02 ([Ferland et al. 2017](#)) computations, assuming two cases: (1) $M_{\text{BH}} = 10^9 \text{ M}_{\odot}$, five times solar metallicity, and a standard AGN SED representative for low-redshift sources that have Eddington ratios $\gtrsim 0.1 - 0.2$ ([Mathews & Ferland 1987](#)) (upper panels); and (2) in bottom panels for $M_{\text{BH}} = 10^{9.5} \text{ M}_{\odot}$, five times solar metallicity and the SED defined by [Krawczyk et al. \(2013\)](#), more appropriate for representing our high- z high luminosity sources (see more

details below). Very low W is possible in conditions of Carbon under-ionization and over-ionization with respect to C^{+3} . For the blueshifted component, a high-ionization solution has been found with typical values $\log U \sim -0.5 - 0$ (Śniegowska et al. 2021; Garnica et al. 2022).

The upper left panel of Fig. B.1 shows that the expected $W(C\text{IV}\lambda 1549)$ at $U \sim 1$ is several tens of Å, consistent with the observations if the covering factor is moderate ($\sim 0.2 - 0.5$), with a marginal dependence on density. The $C\text{IV}\lambda 1549/H\beta$ ratio is constrained to be ≥ 5 , with $C\text{IV}\lambda 1549/H\beta \sim 10$ for the density range $10^{9.5} - 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$.

The electron temperature associated with these conditions is high ($T \sim 20\,000 \text{ K}$), implying a very high efficiency for the collisional excitation. The point here is that, even if the collisional efficiency is high, the ionic fraction of C^{+3} is very low (~ 0.01), yielding a $\bar{q}X$ factor $\approx (3 - 4) \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$.

At high luminosity, however, the softening of the accretion disk emission due to large masses makes the SED significantly different from that of Mathews & Ferland (1987). The peak of the disk emission can be displaced toward lower frequency by a factor ~ 10 (Duras et al. 2017, 2020), reducing significantly the amount of ionizing photons. We therefore considered a different SED, defined for intermediate redshift quasars with $W(C\text{IV}) \leq 30 \text{ Å}$ (Krawczyk et al. 2013). The simulations predict lower $W(C\text{IV})$ by a factor ≈ 5 (bottom panels on Fig. B.1) with respect to the Mathews & Ferland (1987) SED. The $W(C\text{IV})$ and the $C\text{IV}/H\beta$ ratio provide some constraints over the ionization parameter and density. The $C\text{IV}/H\beta$ ratio falls within a range of $\sim 8 - 33$ for the ISAAC sources where the BLUE of $H\beta$ has been detected, and the $W \sim 10 \text{ Å}$. For $\log n_H \approx 9.5$, these conditions imply a $\log U$ between -0.7 and 0.3 . In this case, for $\log U \approx -0.2$, and computing a weighted average over r^2 , we obtain a much higher efficiency, $\bar{X}q(T)$ to $\approx 1.22 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$. Much lower efficiencies are possible if $\log U \rightarrow 0$ and $\log n_H \rightarrow 9$. In this case the predicted $W(C\text{IV})$ might be below 10 Å , as found for weak lined quasars (Diamond-Stanic et al. 2009; Shemmer et al. 2010; Marziani et al. 2016a).

Fig. B.2 shows the trends expected for the ionization parameter and electron temperature as a function of radius, for the value of the density $\log n_H = 9.5 \text{ cm}^{-3}$. The intercepts between the expected range of ionization parameter and radius does not fall in correspondence of the peak ionization fraction in the case of the Mathews & Ferland (1987) SED, while it does in the high-luminosity case due to the “softer” Krawczyk et al. (2013) SED (bottom panels of Fig. B.2). The lower limit assumed for $\log U \approx -0.5$ implies a condition of over-ionization for the line emitting gas. Electron temperature is around $T_e \approx 20\,000 \text{ K}$.

The photoionization computations predict an equivalent width more than an order of magnitude higher than the observed value if $C\text{IV}\lambda 1549$ emission is due to gas at $\log U \sim -1.3$ in the case of the Mathews & Ferland (1987) SED appropriate for low- z sources (upper right panel of Fig. B.1). In addition, the distance expected for $\log U = -1.3$ and $\log n_H \approx 9.0$ is $\log r \approx 18.8 \text{ [cm]}$, more than one order of magnitude higher than the scaling radius of Kaspi et al. (2021), $\log r \approx 17.43 \text{ [cm]}$ (see the ionic fraction distribution in the lower half of the upper panel of Fig. B.2).

Taking into account previous considerations, we use for the ionized mass the following expression:

$$M_{\text{ion}} \approx 6.5 \cdot 10^2 L_{\text{CIV},45}^{\text{out}} \left[\frac{Z}{5Z_{\odot}} \right]^{-1} n_{\text{H},9.5}^{-1} [\text{M}_{\odot}] \quad (\text{B.7})$$

which incorporates the average over density in the range $10^{9.5} - 10^{10.5} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ of $Xq(T)$ for $\log U = 0$, $\bar{X}q(T) \approx 3.3 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$.

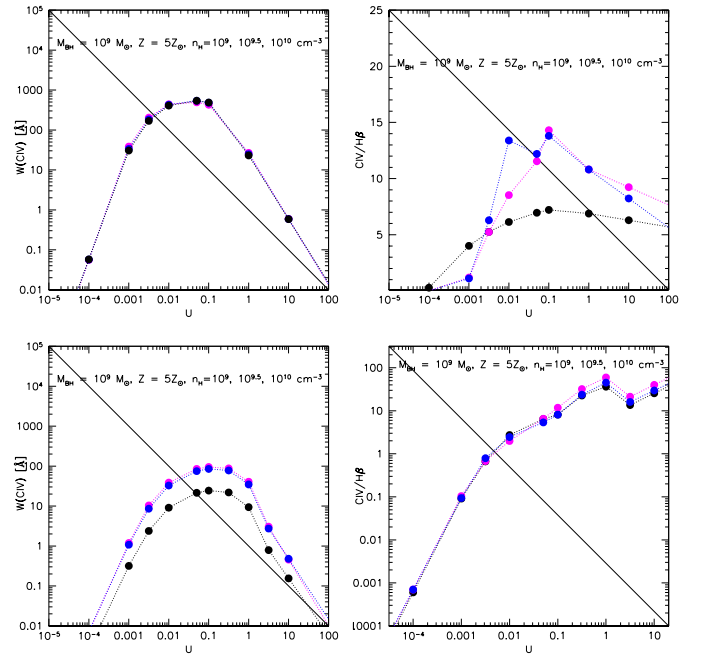


Fig. B.1. Relation between $W(C\text{IV}\lambda 1549)$ (left panels) and intensity ratio $C\text{IV}\lambda 1549/H\beta$ (right panels) with the ionization parameter U for three density values $\log n_H = 9, 9.5, 10 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (black, blue, and magenta symbols, respectively), column density $N_c = 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-2}$, 5 times solar metallicity. Top: For $\log M_{\text{BH}} = 10^9 \text{ [M}_{\odot}]$, and a Mathews & Ferland (1987) SED. Bottom: $\log M_{\text{BH}} = 10^{9.5} \text{ [M}_{\odot}]$, and a Krawczyk et al. (2013) SED.

Averaging over $\log U = -0.5, 0, +0.5$, would imply an increase of $\bar{X}q(T)$ to $\approx 5.65 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$, by a factor ≈ 1.7 . Such increase in the efficiency in $C\text{IV}$ production would only reinforce the conclusion on the weakness of the outflows at low- z .

B.2.3. Wind dynamical parameters

To estimate the wind dynamical parameters we assume the same simple model utilized for $[\text{O III}]\lambda\lambda 4959, 5007$. The mass outflow rate is therefore given by:

$$\dot{M}_{\text{ion}} \approx 10 L_{\text{CIV},45}^{\text{out}} v_{5000} r_{1\text{pc}}^{-1} \left(\frac{Z}{5Z_{\odot}} \right)^{-1} n_{\text{H},9.5}^{-1} [\text{M}_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}] \quad (\text{B.8})$$

where L_{45}^{out} is the luminosity of the blueshifted component in units of $10^{45} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$, the outflow velocity v_{5000} is scaled to 5000 km s^{-1} , the gas density is in units of $10^{9.5}$, and the radius is now in parsec units. For this paper, we assume that the $C\text{IV}$ outflow is accelerated to a final, terminal velocity $v \approx c(1/2) + 2\sigma \approx c(1/2) + \text{FWHM}_{\text{BLUE}}/1.18$, where $c(1/2)$ corresponds to the centroid velocity at half intensity of the $C\text{IV}$ BLUE component.

The thrust $\dot{M}_{\text{ion}}^{\text{out}} v$ and kinetic power can then be computed as:

$$\dot{M}_{\text{ion}} v \approx 3.15 \cdot 10^{35} L_{\text{CIV},45}^{\text{out}} v_{5000}^2 r_{1\text{pc}}^{-1} \left(\frac{Z}{5Z_{\odot}} \right)^{-1} n_{\text{H},9.5}^{-1} [\text{g cm s}^{-2}] \quad (\text{B.9})$$

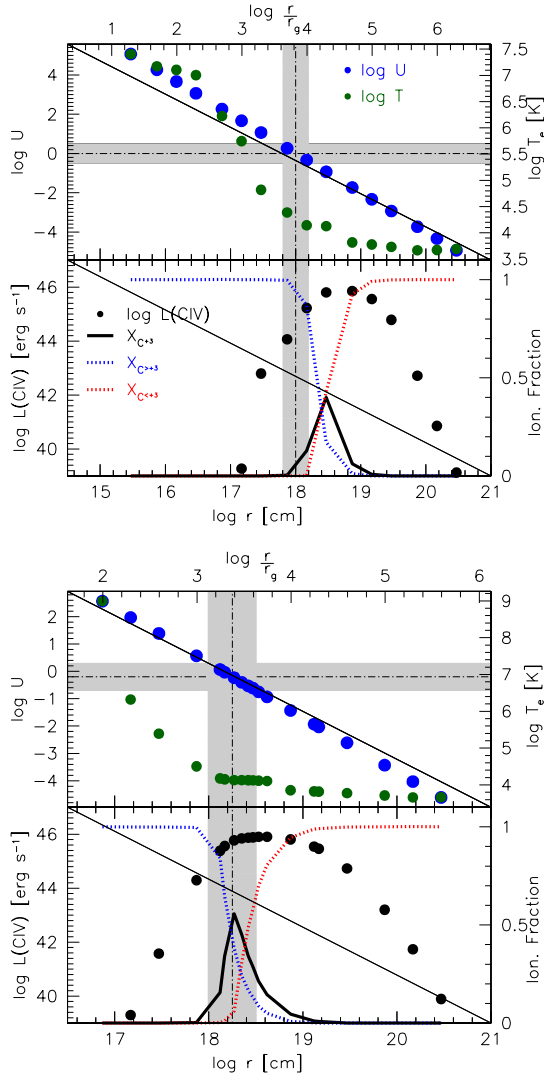


Fig. B.2. Behavior of ionization parameter, electron temperature, CIV λ 1549 luminosity, and ionic fraction as a function of radius for density value $\log n_{\text{H}} = 9.5$ [cm^{-3}], and for the two adopted SEDs for the low (top panels) and high- z (bottom panels) samples. *Top, upper panel:* behavior of the ionization parameter (left axis scale, blue dots) and electron temperature (right axis scale, green dots) as a function of radius for a $M_{\text{BH}} = 10^9 M_{\odot}$ radiating at Eddington limit and illuminating a slab of gas. We assume column density $N_{\text{e}} = 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-2}$, Mathews & Ferland (1987) SED, and the metallicity five times solar in all cases. *Top, lower panel:* logarithm of CIV λ 1549 luminosity (black dots) and ionic fraction as a function of radius. The blue and red line represent the ionic stages higher and lower than 3, respectively, and the black circles ionic stage 3. *Bottom, upper and lower panels:* same as top panels, for $\log M_{\text{BH}} = 9.5$ [$M_{\odot}$], and SED from Krawczyk et al. (2013). In both the top and bottom panels, the horizontal gray bands indicate the range of ionization parameters consistent with the observed CIV equivalent width and the CIV/H β ratio. The vertical bands represent the corresponding range of permitted radii.

similar to the ones reported in earlier works (Marziani et al. 2016a, 2017). Those authors assumed an ad hoc temperature to account for the low CIV λ 1549 radiative efficiency of the emitting gas suggested by the observed low equivalent width of CIV λ 1549.

At high luminosity, for the ISAAC and HEMS samples, and by considering the results from the CLOUDY computations by using the more appropriate SED from Krawczyk et al. (2013) and for an estimated $\log U \approx -0.2$, and an efficiency, $\overline{Xq(T)} \approx 1.22 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ (see section B.2.2), Eqs. B.7, B.8, B.9, and B.10 should be divided by a factor ≈ 3.63 . Eqs. B.7, once the constants are divided by the factor reported above yields estimates that are in basic agreement with those of Vietri et al. (2020): they differ by a factor ~ 2 -3 in M_{ion} , and the difference comes from the assumed efficiency of the CIV λ 1549 emission. Additional factors accounting for differences in the estimated values concern the geometry: a factor 3 from the assumption of a thin flat layer in place of a spherical surface element, and an additional factor of 2 for the unseen contribution of the receding cone enters in Eqs. B.7, B.8, B.9 and B.10.

$$\dot{E}_{\text{kin}} = \frac{1}{2} \dot{M}_{\text{ion}} v^2 \approx 7.9 \cdot 10^{43} L_{\text{CIV},45}^{\text{out}} v_{5000}^3 r_{1\text{pc}}^{-1} \left(\frac{Z}{5Z_{\odot}} \right)^{-1} n_{\text{H},9.5}^{-1} [\text{ergs}^{-2}] \quad (\text{B.10})$$

These expressions, used to calculate the dynamical parameters of the outflows for our low- z FOS sample, are quantitatively