BAT AGN Spectroscopic Survey XXI: The Data Release 2 Overview

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The BAT AGN Spectroscopic Survey (BASS) is designed to provide a highly complete census of the key physical parameters of the supermassive black holes (SMBHs) that power local active galactic nuclei (AGN) \( (z \leq 0.3) \), including their bolometric luminosity \( (L_{\text{bol}}) \), black hole mass \( (M_{\text{BH}}) \), accretion rates \( (L_{\text{bol}}/L_{\text{Edd}}) \), line-of-sight gas obscuration \( (N_{\text{H}}) \), and the distinctive properties of their host galaxies (e.g., star formation rates, masses, and gas fractions). We present an overview of the BASS data release 2 (DR2), an unprecedented spectroscopic AGN survey in spectral range, resolution, and sensitivity, including 1449 optical \((\sim 3200 \, \text{Å}-1 \, \mu \text{m})\) and 233 NIR \((1-2.5 \, \mu \text{m})\) spectra for the brightest 858 ultra-hard X-ray \((14-195 \, \text{keV})\) selected AGN across the entire sky and essentially all levels of obscuration. This release provides a highly complete set of key measurements (emission line measurements and central velocity dispersions), with 99.9% measured redshifts and 98% black hole masses estimated (for unbeamed AGN outside the Galactic plane). The BASS DR2 AGN sample represents a unique census of nearby powerful AGN, spanning over 5 orders of magnitude in AGN bolometric luminosity \( (L_{\text{bol}} \sim 10^{40} - 10^{47} \, \text{erg} \, \text{s}^{-1}) \), black hole mass \( (M_{\text{BH}} \sim 10^5 - 10^{10} \, M_\odot) \), Eddington ratio \( (L_{\text{bol}}/L_{\text{Edd}} \sim 10^{-5}) \), and obscuration \( (N_{\text{H}} \sim 10^{20} - 10^{25} \, \text{cm}^{-2}) \). The public BASS DR2 sample and measurements can thus be used to answer fundamental questions about SMBH growth and its links to host galaxy evolution and feedback in the local universe, as well as open questions concerning SMBH physics. Here we provide a brief overview of the survey strategy, the key BASS DR2 measurements, data sets and catalogs, and scientific highlights from a series of DR2-based works pursued by the BASS team.

1. INTRODUCTION

Although active galactic nuclei (AGNs) and the supermassive black holes (SMBHs) that power them have been studied for decades, there still many key unresolved questions concerning the nature of these systems and how their evolution may be related to the galaxies that host them. While there are some clear SMBH-host correlations, such as the one between SMBH mass and bulge properties \((\text{Kormendy} \, \& \, \text{Ho} \, 2013)\) or the similar redshift evolution of star formation and SMBH growth \((\text{e.g., Heckman} \, \& \, \text{Best} \, 2014; \, \text{Yang} \, \text{et} \, \text{al.} \, 2019)\), it is not yet clear whether SMBH growth and AGN output (“feedback”, e.g., radiation, winds, jets) affects the host galaxy interstellar medium, star formation, and molecular gas \((\text{e.g., Fabian} \, 2012)\). On smaller scales, it is not yet entirely clear what is the structure of the obscuring torus, what is its connection to its surroundings \((\text{e.g., Netzer} \, 2015)\) and what is the role of obscuration by galaxy-scale gas and nuclear starbursts. Moreover, the stochasticity of both SMBH fueling and corresponding AGN emission \((\text{e.g., Hickox} \, \text{et} \, \text{al.} \, 2014; \, \text{Schawinski} \, \text{et} \, \text{al.} \, 2015)\), combined with inherent biases in AGN survey techniques when identifying obscured AGN \((\text{e.g., Hickox} \, \& \, \text{Alexander} \, 2018)\). Therefore, the only way to address the many open questions concerning SMBHs and AGNs, even in the local universe, and to construct statistically significant global trends and/or correlations, necessitates large samples \((\text{e.g.,} \, N > 100)\) surveyed with multiwavelength observations.

Extragalactic hard \((>2 \, \text{keV})\) X-ray surveys provide one of the most complete ways to study growing black holes in an unbiased way \((\text{see, e.g., Brandt} \, \& \, \text{Alexander} \, 2015; \, \text{Brandt} \, \& \, \text{Yang} \, 2021)\). A large fraction, and indeed the majority, of the AGN population is obscured and therefore the construction of a complete AGN census requires the identification of both obscured and unobscured sources \((\text{see review by, e.g., Hickox} \, \& \, \text{Alexander} \, 2018)\). At even higher energies, the ultra-hard X-rays \((>10 \, \text{keV})\) provide a more complete tracer of the radiation for obscured AGN \((N_{\text{H}} > 10^{22} \, \text{cm}^{-2})\) and even some Compton-thick (CT) AGN \((N_{\text{H}} > 10^{24} \, \text{cm}^{-2})\); e.g., \text{Ricci} \, \text{et} \, \text{al.} \, 2015; \, \text{Koss} \, \text{et} \, \text{al.} \, 2016)\). An all-sky survey in the ultra-hard X-ray band \((>10 \, \text{keV})\) thus provides an important way to answer the fundamental questions of SMBH growth and its links to host galaxy evolution, as well as many open questions concerning AGN physics, for a complete, unbiased sample of AGN.

Over the past 20 years, great progress has been made in surveying the ultra-hard X-ray sky to increasing depths with the Burst Alert Telescope (BAT; \text{Barthelmy} \, \text{et} \, \text{al.} \, 2005) at 14-195 keV on board the Neil Gehrels Swift Observatory \((\text{Gehrels} \, \text{et} \, \text{al.} \, 2004)\) and the IBIS instrument \((\text{Ubertini} \, \text{et} \, \text{al.} \, 2003)\) at 17-60 keV onboard the INTEGRAL observatory \((\text{Winkler} \, \text{et} \, \text{al.} \, 2003)\). Thanks to its wide field of view \((\text{FOV}; \, 1.4 \, \text{sr} \, \text{half} \, \text{capped})\), BAT monitors roughly 80% of the sky every day, providing regularly sampled average emission properties of objects. INTEGRAL/IBIS, with a roughly 13 times smaller FOV \((0.11 \, \text{sr} \, \text{half} \, \text{coded})\) but better angular resolution \((12’ \, \text{vs.} \, 19.5’ \, \text{for} \, \text{BAT})\), has focused on targeting the Galactic plane and particularly the Galactic center region. Thus, the Swift BAT survey provides a uniform all-sky census of the average ultra-hard X-ray emission of AGN.

Early analysis \((\text{e.g., Markwardt} \, \text{et} \, \text{al.} \, 2005; \, \text{Tueller} \, \text{et} \, \text{al.} \, 2008)\) of the (ongoing) all-sky survey with BAT found that the brightest ultra-hard-X-ray-selected AGN in the sky can probe nearby \((z < 0.1)\) AGN, including highly obscured systems; low-redshift, high-luminosity AGN and quasars \((0.05 \leq z \leq 0.3)\), and much more distant, beamed AGN \((\text{reaching out to} \, z \geq 3)\). Specifically, the unbeamed BAT-detected AGN span the moderate-to-high-luminosity end of the X-ray luminosity function \((\text{XLF}; \, \text{e.g., Maccacaro} \, \text{et} \, \text{al.} \, 2014)\)
et al. 1991, Comastri et al. 1995, Gilli et al. 2007, Ueda et al. 2014, Aird et al. 2015, Buchner et al. 2015, Ananna et al. 2019) at all accessible redshifts, thus providing critical low-redshift templates for high-z sources detected in much deeper, pencil-beamed surveys (e.g., CDF-S, Luo et al. 2017; COSMOS, Civano et al. 2016). The low-redshift regime of the BAT AGN survey thus strongly complements high-redshift AGN surveys, providing a legacy dataset with both high spatial resolution\(^1\) and very high signal-to-noise ratio data obtained through relatively short observations. Finally, some AGN are uniquely identified as AGN in the hard X-rays (e.g., Smith et al. 2014). Other all-sky selection methods, such as WISE mid-IR (MIR) colors, are only able to uniformly classify the most luminous AGN \((L_{2-10^{19}\text{keV}}^\text{obs}>10^{44}\text{erg s}^{-1})\); e.g., Ichikawa et al. 2017) owing to contamination from star formation in the host galaxies. Moreover, methods that use strong emission-line ratio diagnostics to identify AGN (e.g., “BPT” Baldwin et al. 1981; Veilleux & Osterbrock 1987; Kewley et al. 2006) only select about half of the ultra-hard X-ray-selected BAT AGN (Koss et al. 2017). This is likely due to the contribution of star forming regions in the AGN host galaxies (e.g., Koss et al. 2011b), combined with dust obscuration of the central, AGN-dominated line-emitting regions (e.g., Koss et al. 2010).

The ultimate goal of the BAT AGN Spectroscopic Survey (BASS) is to provide the largest available spectroscopic sample of Swift BAT ultra-hard X-ray (14–195 keV) detected AGN. BASS DR1 (Koss et al. 2017) used mostly archival optical spectra for 641 AGN from the 70-month BAT catalog (Baumgartner et al. 2013). This was complemented by detailed 0.5–200 keV spectral measurements using Swift, Chandra, and XMM-Newton for 838 AGN (Ricci et al. 2017a). A further 102 near-IR (NIR; 1–2.5 μm) spectra of BAT AGN were reported on by Lamperiti et al. (2017). Other data include high spatial resolution NIR adaptive optics (AO) imaging (Koss et al. 2018); extensive continuum modeling of the MIR and far-IR (FIR) emission from WISE, IRAS, Akari, and Herschel (Ichikawa et al. 2017, 2019); radio emission in several resolution regimes (Baek et al. 2019; Smith et al. 2020); and host-scale molecular gas measurements (Koss et al. 2021). From these data, numerous links and correlations were investigated, such as between X-ray emission and high-ionization optical lines (Berney et al. 2015), and/or ionized gas outflows (Rojas et al. 2020). A major result was the realization that the Eddington ratio is a key parameter in some of these links and scaling relations (e.g., Ricci et al. 2017b; Oh et al. 2017; Ricci et al. 2018). Other BASS DR1 studies focused on AGN clustering (Powell et al. 2018), the surprisingly weak (or indeed insignificant) correlation between the X-ray photon index, Γ, and Eddington ratio (Trakhtenbrot et al. 2017), the most luminous obscured AGN (Bar et al. 2017), optically unobscured AGN with massive X-ray absorbing columns (Shimizu et al. 2018), BAT blazars (Paliya et al. 2019), and a search for BH binaries (Liu et al. 2020).

Since making BASS DR1 public, the BASS team has pursued additional optical and NIR spectroscopy towards the second data release of BASS (DR2), to obtain higher spectral resolution \((R \gtrsim 1500)\) over the broadest possible spectral range (i.e., 3200–10000 Å), for the most complete sample of AGN drawn from the 70-month BAT catalog. Below we present an overview of the BASS DR2, including a summary of our survey design and goals, datasets, key scientific results, and a comparison to other large AGN surveys. A more detailed, technical description of the DR2 observations and data is provided in Koss et al. (2022a).

Throughout this work we adopt \(\Omega_\text{M}=0.3\), \(\Omega_\Lambda=0.7\), and \(H_0=70\text{km s}^{-1}\text{Mpc}^{-1}\). To determine the extinction due to Milky Way foreground dust, we use the maps of Schlegel et al. (1998) and the extinction law derived by Cardelli et al. (1989).

2. OVERVIEW OF DR2 SPECIAL ISSUE

BASS DR2 provides optical spectra and associated redshifts, broad and narrow emission line measurements, velocity dispersions, and derived quantities — particularly BH mass and Eddington ratio estimates — for a nearly complete (e.g. \(>95\%\)) sample of the 858 AGN from the Swift BAT 70-month survey.

2.1. Major Science Goals and Key measurements

The measurements and derived quantities provided through the BASS project are critical for the major science goals of the survey:

1. Provide a (nearly) complete census of the brightest local AGN from the unobscured to highly obscured.

   Swift BAT, with its ultra hard X-ray sensitivity, serves as a primary discovery and survey tool for these local AGN as the energy range is uncontaminated by star formation and (nearly) unaffected by obscuration, and hence naturally provides a reliable tracer of AGN emission and SMBH growth within a volume-limited, highly complete survey.

2. Connect BH growth to their host galaxy properties to understand fueling and/or feedback.

   It is critical to understand how the large range of SMBH-related properties — such as the bolometric luminosities, BH masses \((M_{\text{BH}})\), accretion rates \((L_{\text{bol}}/L_{\text{Edd}})\), kinetic power of AGN-powered outflows and jets, and circumnuclear obscuration

\(^1\)The angular resolution at the median redshift \(z=0.04\) is 10x sharper than at \(z=1\), which is typical for deeper and narrower surveys.
— relate to key host galaxy properties as traced by multiwavelength data, such as star formation rates (SFRs), stellar and molecular gas content, morphologies, and merger activity.

3. **Provide critical nearby templates for luminous high-redshift AGN.**

The BASS AGN are local analogs of the powerful AGN that form the bulk of the X-ray-detected population in deep pencil-beam surveys where high spatial resolution (e.g., hundreds of parsecs) and sensitivity cannot be achieved.

4. **Provide critical diagnostics for rare and/or “abnormal” AGN.**

The unprecedentedly rich collection of multiwavelength data collected for the BASS AGN and its unique selection in the ultra-hard X-rays allow one to identify, calibrate, and/or test selection criteria for highly obscured AGN, highly accreting AGN (i.e., $L_{\text{bol}}/L_{\text{Edd}} \gtrsim 1$), and other challenging subclasses, to be used with future facilities, surveys, and models.

### 2.2. Revised 70-month AGN Catalog

We briefly review the AGN catalog changes compared to BASS DR1, with further details provided in Koss et al. (2022a). The published 70-month BAT catalog (Baumgartner et al. 2013) is composed of 1210 ultra-hard X-ray sources, including 822 classified as AGN or associated with a galaxy and likely an AGN, 287 Galactic sources (e.g., high-mass X-ray binary, low-mass X-ray binary, cataclysmic variable, pulsar), 19 clusters, and 82 unknown sources. In the BASS DR1 (Ricci et al. 2017a, see Appendix A) new AGN candidates were identified among BAT detections based on WISE and soft X-ray data to increase the number of 70-month AGN to 838.

However, even after the DR1, 44 unknown BAT sources, typically near the Galactic plane ($|b|<10^\circ$), had not been associated with counterparts. Of these sources, 22, were found to be AGN. Fifteen of these unknown sources were subsequently identified as Galactic with NuSTAR and/or Chandra follow-up surveys (e.g., Yukita et al. 2017; Kennedy et al. 2020; Halpern et al. 2018) and/or based on optical spectroscopy obtained in the BASS/DR2 (see Koss et al. 2022a, for details). Another two sources that were classified as AGN in the DR1 based solely on their hard X-ray spectra were found to be Galactic.

Unfortunately, there were still seven sources that lie very close to the Galactic plane ($|b|<3^\circ$) owing to their very high extinction values ($A_V \sim 5 - 43$ mag) and very high source confusion in the optical/NIR (i.e., multiple stars per 1'' sq area), made optical and NIR spectroscopy of the counterpart impractical. The number of AGN is 858 after these updates since two sources in the DR1 were discovered to be Galactic.\(^2\)

For consistency with BASS DR1 and earlier studies, we classify AGN according to the presence (or absence) of broad emission lines. Specifically, Sy 1 are AGN with broad H\(\beta\) line emission, Sy 1.9 have narrow H\(\beta\) and broad H\(\alpha\), while Sy 2 AGN have both narrow H\(\beta\) and narrow H\(\alpha\) (including small numbers of LINERs and AGN in H\(2\)-dominated regions). AGN type based on optical spectroscopy. For beamed AGN, the types include those with the presence of broad lines (BZQ), only host galaxy features lacking broad lines (BZG), or traditional continuum-dominated blazars, with no emission lines or host galaxy features (BZB).

In addition to unbeamed AGN, the Swift BAT survey includes also beamed and/or lensed AGN, which are important to separate for most scientific analyses. The DR2 has 105 beamed AGN as identified by their multiwavelength emission, and particularly radio emission, and/or Gamma-ray emission detected by Fermi (e.g., Paliya et al. 2019). This includes both blazars where the boosted continuum emission completely dominates the (rest-frame) UV/optical regime and no significant emission lines are seen, and flat-spectrum radio quasars (FSRQs), which do show broad emission lines (e.g., Paliya et al. 2019). There are additionally two lensed AGN. One of the beamed AGN (SWIFT J1833.7-2105, aka PKS 1830-211 at $z=2.5$) is also lensed (Lidman et al. 1999)) by a foreground galaxy. Thus, the total sample of 858 includes 752 unbeamed AGN, 104 beamed AGN, 1 beamed and lensed AGN, and 1 lensed and unbeamed AGN.

An X-ray luminosity and redshift plot of the BASS DR2, with the newly revised redshifts and AGN classifications, is shown in Figure 1. The figure also shows a few other deep, and narrow X-ray AGN surveys. We discuss these samples and comparison in more detail in subsection 5.3; however, it is clearly evident that BASS provides a natural low-redshift benchmark for distant surveys.

### 2.3. Survey Strategy and Observations

The sky distribution of all BASS DR2 optical spectroscopic observations is presented in Figure 2. Table 2 summarizes all of the BASS DR2 data, with further details provided in Koss et al. (2022a). The majority of the spectra used for the catalog measurements presented in DR2 papers come from either the Double Beam Spectrograph (DBSP) mounted on the Palomar Hale

\(^2\) 838 DR1 AGN - 2 DR1 AGN found to be Galactic + 22 New AGN= 858 DR2 AGN + 7 unknown sources at $|b|<3^\circ$
Figure 1. The rest-frame 2–10 keV luminosities of the BASS DR2 AGN and of higher-redshift X-ray AGN surveys. Although BASS AGN are selected based on their 14–195 keV emission, we plot the best-fit intrinsic 2–10 keV emission based on detailed X-ray spectral modeling (Ricci et al. 2017b). Unbeamed BASS AGN are shown with purple stars, while beamed AGN are shown with purple triangles. The unbeamed AGN in the BASS sample tend to span the moderate-to-high-luminosity end of the XLF. We also show samples drawn from deeper X-ray AGN surveys, including Stripe 82X (red pentagons; LaMassa et al. 2016; Ananna et al. 2017); CDF-S (brown pentagons; Luo et al. 2017); Chandra COSMOS Legacy survey (blue circles; Civano et al. 2016; Marchesi et al. 2016); XMM XXL (green diamonds; Pierre et al. 2016); and the NuSTAR Serendipitous Survey (yellow squares; Lansbury et al. 2017). We also show contours for eFEDS containing 99% of the data (Salvato et al. 2021, dashed grey). We limit our comparison to X-ray sources with confirmed counterparts with spectroscopic redshifts. For eFEDS, unlike the other surveys, the soft-band flux (0.2-2.3 keV) was used to estimate the hard X-ray 2-10 keV emission assuming a power-law spectral model with $\Gamma = 1.7$ since only a small number of sources were detected above 2.3 keV ($<1\%$; Brunner et al. 2021). For these higher-redshift X-ray surveys we assumed a power-law spectral model with $\Gamma = 1.7$, to bring each X-ray luminosity to the rest frame by $K$-correcting the apparent luminosities based on the observed redshifts into the 2-10 keV rest frame. The deeper, higher-redshift samples tend to sample a luminosity range that is consistent with that covered by BAT, but at higher redshift.

5 m telescope (402 AGN, mainly in the northern hemisphere) or the X-Shooter spectrograph at the Very Large Telescope (VLT; 211 sources, mainly southern).

In terms of DR2 spectroscopic targeting, our goals were to (1) provide the largest possible sample of black hole mass measurements from either broad Balmer emission lines or stellar velocity dispersion measurements and (2) cover broadest possible spectral range (e.g., 3200–10000 Å) for emission-line measurements, for the entire catalog of 858 AGN. In practice, unless one uses echelle instruments (e.g., X-Shooter), the latter goal requires either spectra with broad wavelength coverage and lower resolution or, alternatively, multiple, higher-resolution gratings and narrower wavelength coverage. The former goal motivates a spectral resolution of $R \gtrsim 1000$ ($\Delta \nu \lesssim 300$ km s$^{-1}$ for broad lines), and yet higher resolution (>2000) for stellar velocity dispersion measurements. Our targeting strategy was further complicated by the fact that for a significant number of targets we did not know a priori the broad/narrow-line nature of the sources, and thus whether high-resolution stellar velocity dispersion measurements were required. Repeated observations were therefore done if either the S/N of the broad Balmer lines (H$\beta$ or H$\alpha$) or the S/N and/or spectral resolution of the stellar absorption features were too low. Repeated observations with higher spectral resolution but limited spectral range were primarily done for obscured AGN (Sy1.9 and Sy2) to measure velocity dispersions (and deduce BH masses), as velocity dispersion measurements are much more difficult and less reliable for AGN-dominated continuum. We did not reobserve targets with acceptable spectra and measurements from the Sloan Digital Sky survey (SDSS; York et al. 2000) included in Data Release 16 (DR16; Ahumada et al. 2020).

As the goal of BASS is to provide the best and most complete set of derived measurements (e.g. for narrow lines, broad lines, velocity dispersions), we did not require that all studies use the same single best spectra for an AGN in the DR2 as was done in the DR1. So for instance, a single Sy 1.9 AGN may have a broad H$\alpha$ measurement from SOAR/Goodman using the lower-resolution...
Figure 2. Overview of the BASS DR2 optical spectroscopy as observed on the sky (shown in equatorial coordinates and a Mollweide projection). The Galactic plane is indicated by the light grey line.

400 lines mm$^{-1}$ setting, along with measurements of narrow emission lines, but have a velocity dispersion measurement from CaT using the 1200 line mm$^{-1}$ setting.

We also did not specifically exclude sources with high Galactic extinction if there was an obvious optical counterpart. This resulted in some spectra with very high extinctions (between $A_V = 5$ and 10 mag), that are only suitable for basic emission-line identification/classification and for redshift measurement.

2.4. Comparison with BASS DR1

The BASS DR1 was composed mostly of past archival optical spectroscopic data from a variety of sources. Almost all the observations were from smaller (1.5-2.5m) telescopes, with only 35 from the Palomar 5m telescope (DBSP) and 29 from the 8.1m Gemini North and South telescopes. Many of the spectra were taken from various surveys and studies that used various reduction routines, leading to substantial inhomogeneity in quality and parameter constraints. Some of the spectra, particularly those from the 6dF Galaxy Survey (6dFGS; Jones et al. 2009), had no proper flux calibration. Apart from the subset of DR1 spectra taken from the SDSS, most BASS DR1 spectra had a spectral resolution that is too low ($R \ll 1000$) to robustly measure stellar velocity dispersions. Finally, in most cases, the spectral setups did not include coverage below 4000 Å or beyond 7000 Å.

The DR2 results, which are based primarily on Palomar/DBSP or VLT/X-Shooter spectra, are largely a separate release from DR1, even though the AGN samples overlap. Aside from 142 SDSS spectra commonly used for both samples, the only other spectral overlap between DR1 and DR2 is for 35 Palomar/DBSP observations, which were uniformly reprocessed in DR2 using the new molecfit (Smette et al. 2015) procedure for telluric corrections.

For the BASS DR2 catalogs of broad and narrow emission line measurements, we allowed some DR1 spectra to be used to have the best and most complete set of derived quantities (i.e., BH mass, etc.). This was done because the two main DR2 observing setups (VLT/X-Shooter and Palomar/DBSP) used for the majority of sources both had the break in the blue and red CCDs at $\sim$5500 Å, making measurements of the spectral complex around the (redshifted) H$\beta$ line problematic (e.g. at $z \approx 0.1$). For stellar velocity dispersion measurements, only DR2 data were used.

2.5. NIR DR2

The goal of the BASS NIR spectroscopy is to obtain wide spectral coverage across the full NIR range ($\sim 1 - 2.4 \mu$m) for a large sample of BAT AGN. The 102 AGN composing the NIR DR1 (Lamperti et al. 2017) were primarily for nearby AGN ($z < 0.075$) observed with the SpeX instrument (Rayner et al. 2003) at the NASA Infrared Telescope Facility (IRTF) in the northern hemisphere ($0.8 - 2.4 \mu$m) along with archival Gemini/GNIRS data ($0.8 - 2.5 \mu$m).
### Table 1. Summary of BASS DR2 Papers

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Note—List of all papers in the BASS DR2 release and associated major measurements and science. BASS XXVII was published separately from the DR2 release.

The NIR DR2 AGN sample includes 233 new NIR spectra of BASS AGN. The new DR2 data were obtained from the southern hemisphere and include 168 new VLT/X-Shooter (Brok et al. 2022) and 65 Magellan/FIRE spectra (Ricci et al. 2022), both with substantially higher spectral resolutions ($R \sim 5000–10000$) than the DR1 data ($R \sim 800–1000$). When including the NIR DR1, the total NIR sample provided as part of DR2 includes NIR spectroscopy of 322 unique AGN. The NIR catalog measurements include broad, narrow, and coronal emission line measurements between 1–2 $\mu$m, but not the $K$-band (2–2.5 $\mu$m).

The NIR spectroscopic survey of 322 AGN is distinct from the DR2 optical spectroscopy, as it is an interim release rather than a complete sample (i.e., the NIR DR2 is very far from providing NIR spectra for all 858 AGN in the optical BASS DR2). Moreover, this NIR survey release also includes some 105-month BAT sources (Oh et al. 2018) and the VLT/X-Shooter spectroscopy only includes observations carried out through 2019 October.

Future releases (i.e., the NIR DR3) will include additional NIR spectroscopy efforts within BASS that are currently ongoing, including additional VLT/X-SHOOTER, Magellan/FIRE, and Palomar/TSpec observations, as well as velocity dispersion measurements and emission-line fitting in the $K$ band (~2–2.4 $\mu$m). As of 2021 July, an additional 267 BASS AGN have NIR spectroscopy that are not part of the DR2 release.

#### 2.6. Survey Uniformity and Completeness

BASS DR2 is nearly spectroscopically complete with respect to the 70-month BAT all-sky survey, with > 99% of the AGN having spectra (i.e., 858/858 AGN+7 unknown/confused sources)). There are, however, some additional considerations in terms of uniformity and completeness for the BASS survey, which we briefly mention here and review in more detail in Koss et al. (2022a). The 70-month BAT survey reaches a 14–195 keV flux sensitivity level of $1.34 \times 10^{-11}$ erg cm$^{-2}$ s$^{-1}$ over 90% of the sky (assuming a power-law spectral shape fixed to the Crab $\Gamma \sim 2.15$; Baumgartner et al. 2013) but $1.03 \times 10^{-11}$ erg cm$^{-2}$ s$^{-1}$ over 50% of the sky, meaning there is some small (~20%) variation in sensitivity across the sky. Near the Galactic plane, and particularly in the crowded field of the Galactic center with strong Galactic X-ray background radiation, the source density is considerably lower, and the sensitivity of the BAT survey is a factor of two lower (Markwardt et al. 2005).

The all-sky BAT survey also suffers from biases against harder and/or highly obscured AGN. Due to the BAT detection method, which is calibrated to the Crab ($\Gamma = 2.15$), AGN with harder intrinsic X-ray spectral energy distributions (SEDs; e.g. $\Gamma = 1.7$ vs. $\Gamma = 2.1$) will suffer roughly 10% reduced sensitivity (Koss et al. 2013). A more significant completeness correction is needed for highly obscured AGN, where BAT detects 90% of the flux for an AGN with $N_H = 3 \times 10^{23}$ cm$^{-2}$, 50% for $N_H = 2 \times 10^{24}$ cm$^{-2}$, and ~10% (or less, depending on models) at $N_H = 10^{25}$ cm$^{-2}$ (e.g., Koss et al. 2016).

#### 3. DR2 PAPERS, CATALOGS, AND KEY SCIENCE RESULTS

Footnote: Four DR2 observations overlap with DR1, while nine DR2 Magellan/FIRE observations overlap with VLT/X-Shooter.
The DR2 papers Table 1 provide a combination of large datasets of measurements and derived quantities, and scientific results for either the entire DR2 sample or considerable subsets of data. We provide a short review of these papers here, to explain the different measurements and catalogs provided in the various papers and to highlight key scientific findings. In some papers (e.g., narrow emission line measurements) a very wide spectral range was critical (3200–10000 Å), while in others (e.g., velocity dispersions) high spectral resolutions were critical; therefore, sometimes spectra with high spectral resolution but narrow wavelength range were used (e.g., for the calcium triplet, CaT, 8498, 8542, and 8662 Å). All DR2 spectra will be provided at the BASS website.\(^4\)

The main, detailed DR2 catalog paper (BASS XXII, Koss et al. 2022a) gives an updated list of counterparts and a complete summary of observing characteristics and reduction procedures for the 1449 optical spectra of the 858 AGN from the BAT 70-month sample. It discusses various issues for basic AGN observational studies (source confusion, chance alignment of multiple AGN leading to flux boosting, dual AGN, etc.), including a revised list of beamed and lensed AGN identifications. This paper also provides a set of overall best-derived measurements (e.g., redshifts and distances, bolometric luminosities, and \(M_{\text{BH}}\)) since multiple BH mass estimates are available for some sources from various tracers (i.e., different broad lines, velocity dispersions, and/or high-quality literature measurements). The overall best available measurements from this catalog are then used consistently in subsequent scientific papers.

Narrow optical emission line measurements over the range 3200–10000 Å (e.g., \([\text{Ne} \, \text{v}] \lambda 3426, \, H\beta, \, [\text{O} \, \text{iii}] \lambda 5007, \, H\alpha, \, [\text{N} \, \text{ii}] \lambda 6583, \, [\text{S} \, \text{ii}] \lambda 9531\) are presented in BASS XXIV (Oh et al. 2022). In that paper, we employ a full-range spectral fitting procedure, incorporating both stellar population synthesis models and empirical stellar templates, which deblends complex nebular emission-line features from the stellar components. We also study AGN subtypes as a function of X-ray column density; strong-line ratio diagnostic diagrams (BPT) and their links to Eddington ratio; and line width comparisons between X-ray BAT AGN and optical SDSS AGN.

Broad emission line measurements (Hα, Hβ, Mg \(\, \text{n} \lambda 2798\), and C iv \(\lambda 1549\)) and derived quantities are the focus of BASS XXV (Mejía-Restrepo et al. 2022). This paper includes virial estimates of BH mass (\(M_{\text{BH}}\)) which are used as the best black hole mass measurement throughout DR2 and also allow estimates of the Eddington ratio (\(L_{\text{bol}}/L_{\text{Edd}}\)). The use of Mg \(\, \text{n} \lambda 2798\) and C iv \(\lambda 1549\) is reserved for the beamed AGN with discernible broad lines, which are at higher redshifts (e.g., \(z \geq 1\)), where rest-frame Hβ falls outside of the optical range. This paper concludes that the innermost part of the broad-line region (BLR), which contributes the highest velocity emission, is preferentially absorbed in obscured AGN (log(\(N_{\text{H}}/\text{cm}^2\)) > 22) and/or Sy1.9. This leads to a significant underestimate of the line flux compared to unobscured sources, which then strongly underestimates BH mass. These discrepancies typically exceed 1 dex and may reach 2 dex for heavily obscured AGN (log(\(N_{\text{H}}/\text{cm}^2\)) ≥ 24). We provide some prescriptions for corrections.

Central velocity dispersion measurements (e.g., from Ca H+K \(\lambda 3935, 3968, \, \text{Mg \, i}, \, \text{or CaT regions}\) of obscured systems (Sy 1.9 and Sy 2) are investigated in BASS XXVI (Koss et al. 2022b). This paper finds that BASS AGN have much higher velocity dispersions than the more numerous optically selected narrow-line AGN (i.e., \(\simeq 150\) vs. \(\simeq 100\) km s\(^{-1}\)), but also that BASS AGN are not biased toward the highest velocity dispersions seen in massive ellipticals (i.e., \(>250\) km s\(^{-1}\)). Additionally, despite sufficient spectral resolution to resolve the velocity dispersions associated with the bulges of relatively small SMBHs (~ \(10^4 – 10^5\) \(M_\odot\)), we do not find a significant population of such AGN, which (given the BAT flux limit) would have presented super-Eddington accretion rates.

Ananna et al. (2022) use the highly complete set of BASS DR2 measurements to derive the intrinsic XLF, BH mass function (BHMF) and Eddington ratio distribution function (ERDF), for both obscured and unobscured low-redshift AGN using the BAT sample. It employs an elaborate forward-modeling approach to derive the intrinsic XLF, BHMF and BHMF from the observed distributions, while accounting for various selection effects. We find that the intrinsic ERDF of narrow-line (Type 2) AGN is significantly skewed toward lower Eddington ratios than that of broad-line (Type 1) AGN, while the BHMFs of these subsamples are consistent with each other. This result offers insights into the geometric structure of the obscuring “torus” and lends support to the radiation-regulated unification scenario (Ricci et al. 2017b), which suggests that radiation pressure dictates the geometry of the dusty obscuring structure around an AGN. The XLF, BHMF, and ERDF are also used to investigate the AGN duty cycle in the low-redshift universe.

Pfeifle et al. (2022) investigate the relationship between MIR colors and X-ray column density. Heavily obscured BAT AGN are found to be more heavily X-ray suppressed, displaying lower ratios of \(L_{\text{bol}}^{\text{obs}}/L_{10-12\mu\text{m}}\), and they display “redder” MIR colors compared to unobscured AGN. This paper develops diagnostic criteria that are designed to select both highly complete and highly reliable samples of heavily obscured AGN (log(\(N_{\text{H}}/\text{cm}^2\)) > 23.5). We also derive expressions relating the luminosity

\(^4\) http://www.bass-survey.com
ratios and column density, to predict the AGN column density in lower count-rate X-ray SEDs, where detailed spectral modeling is impossible. These diagnostics could be used on future samples of AGN, such as those being discovered by eROSITA (Predehl et al. 2021), to efficiently distinguish between heavily obscured and unobscured AGN.

Brok et al. (2022) provide a detailed analysis of the NIR coronal lines (CLs, ionization potential $\chi > 100$ eV) and test their usage as indicators of AGN activity by comparing their strength, in particular that of $[\text{Si} \, \text{v} \, \lambda 19640$, to the X-ray flux. A key finding is that CLs correlate more tightly (i.e., smaller scatter) with the X-ray fluxes than with the optical $[\text{O} \, \text{iii}] \lambda 5007$ line fluxes. Even in these bright AGN, in only about half of the sources is a CL detected, limiting the extent to which CLs can be used as tracers of AGN activity. This study finds a clear trend of line blueshifts with increasing ionization potential in several CLs, such as $[\text{Si} \, \text{v} \, \lambda 19640, [\text{Si} \, \text{x}] \lambda 14300, [\text{S} \, \text{v}] \lambda 9915$, and $[\text{S} \, \text{ix}] \lambda 12520$, which elucidates the radial structure of the CL region.

Finally, Ricci et al. (2022) investigate the NIR BLR using Pa $\alpha$, Pa $\beta$, and He$\lambda$ $\lambda 10830$, and associated virial BH mass estimates. The NIR regime is less affected by dust than the optical and can thus trace the innermost and fastest-moving BLR gas — even in the presence of mild obscuration. The study finds that the velocities of the BLR gas as estimated from the FWHMs of H$\alpha$ and the NIR lines in Sy 1–1.9 agree and are independent of the level of BLR extinction or obscuration (for $\log(N_H/cm^2) < 23.5$), but the broad line luminosities are suppressed with increasing obscuration, biasing virial-based $M_{BH}$ estimates. The latter finding is in agreement with the conclusion of (Mejía-Restrepo et al. 2022, see above). The line luminosity decrement and the obscuration level at which it occurs change as a function of wavelength, with H$\alpha$ experiencing a higher decrement than Pa$\alpha$ (above $\log(N_H/cm^2) \approx 21.0$ and 21.9, respectively). Thus, we caution against relying solely on H$\alpha$-based single-epoch BH mass estimates when $\log(N_H/cm^2) \gtrsim 21$, and on NIR lines when $\log(N_H/cm^2) \gtrsim 22$. A less biased proxy for the BLR radius in virial-based $M_{BH}$ should be used at higher $N_H$, such as $L_X$.

4. OTHER BASS OBSERVING CAMPAIGNS

Beyond the complete coverage with optical spectroscopy and the extensive NIR spectroscopy that are the main components of the BASS DR2, the BASS project aims to obtain and analyze large multiwavelength data sets for the BAT AGN, in the X-ray, UV, optical, IR, FIR/submillimeter, and radio regimes. These include ongoing legacy BASS campaigns, past observations through BASS and the community, and various all-sky surveys (e.g. GALEX, GAIA, 2MASS, WISE, Akari, IRAS). The status of targeted observational programs for the 70-month AGN as of 2021 July is summarized in Table 3 and on the BASS website. In addition to this, partial sky coverage exists from several wide-field surveys for hundreds of AGN. Multiband high-quality optical imaging (<2”) exists for the majority (>80%) of BASS AGN from the SDSS, the Panoramic Survey Telescope and Rapid Response System (Pan-STARRS Chambers et al. 2019), the DESI Legacy Imaging Surveys (Dey et al. 2019), The VLT Survey Telescope ATLAS (Shanks et al. 2015), and targeted studies like Koss et al. (2011a). In the NIR, coverage exists in the VISTA Hemisphere Survey (VHS; McMahon et al. 2013) and the UKIRT Hemisphere Survey (UHS; Dye et al. 2018). In the radio coverage at 1.4 GHz exists for more than half of the BAT AGN (Wong et al. 2016) from the Faint Images of the Radio Sky at Twenty Centimeters (FIRST; Becker et al. 1995) and NRAO VLA Sky survey (NVSS; Condon et al. 1998).

The BAT AGN have the largest coverage in the X-rays and UV, with all 858 observed with Swift/XRT and also observed with Swift/UVOT in the UV and optical. This results in a vast database of simultaneous X-ray and UV observations, obtained since the launch of Swift in 2004. For instance, for broad-line (Sy1) AGN there are 32,184 distinct observations, due to the slewing nature of Swift and their intensive coverage in legacy observations of BAT AGN.

As the brightest ultra-hard-X-ray-selected AGN in the sky, many archival observations are available from several other X-ray telescopes. In particular, many BAT AGN have also been observed as part of 20 ks filler observations in the NuSTAR BAT Legacy Survey, which continues to observe approximately six BASS sources each month. A Chandra Cool Target program, which started in 2019 January, is also observing nearby BAT AGN ($z < 0.1$).

Another subset of observing programs focuses on high spatial resolution imaging (~100 pc) that can be achieved for nearby BASS AGN ($z < 0.1$). This includes a recent HST SNAP program with the Advanced Camera for Surveys (ACS), which has obtained i-band (F814W) images for 154 DR1 BAT AGN at $z < 0.1$ (Kim et al. 2021). A large HST SNAP program, approved through 2022, aims to obtain near-UV (<3000 Å) imaging of BASS AGN, followed up with simultaneous X-ray and UV/optical observations of the nuclear AGN emission with Swift and ground-based optical imaging in $griz$. Koss et al. (2018) published 98 Keck/NIRC2 AO-assisted NIR observations (in the $Kp$ band) for a volume-limited sample of AGN ($z < 0.1$), along with many archival HST NIR observations of more nearby galaxies available from earlier HST/NICMOS studies (e.g. Hunt & Malkan

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5 http://www.bass-survey.com
6 https://www.nustar.caltech.edu/page/legacy_surveys
7 Chandra-BASS (C-BASS); https://cxc.harvard.edu/target_lists/CCTS.html
Table 2. Summary of BASS DR2 Data

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Note—Column (1): telescope. Column (2): instrument. Column (3): total number of DR2 spectra observed with this setup. Column (4): wavelength range for the most common setup with the telescope. Column (5–6): slit width and resolving power for the most common setup. In some cases larger or smaller slit widths (e.g., 1\(\prime\)5 vs. 2\(\prime\)) were used resulting in different resolutions. See Koss et al. (2022a) for a detailed list of instrument setups. Two values are listed when the instrument had both a blue and red arm with different settings. Resolving power is wavelength dependent in some cases and so the values are given at 5000 Å and 8500 Å depending on the spectral range.

\(^a\)The archival sample is from earlier surveys that were not included in the DR1, including ROSAT AGN that overlap with BASS in unpublished or published (Grupe et al. 2004) works, from the Palermo surveys of Swift BAT AGN (Rojas et al. 2017), or as part of an atlas of low redshift AGN (Ho & Kim 2009). While not typically used in catalog measurements because of new DR2 data, we include these spectra for long-term studies of changing-look AGN (e.g., MacLeod et al. 2019).

\(^b\)These setups were done for velocity dispersion measurements of obscured AGN (e.g., Sy 1.9 and Sy 2).

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NIR DR2

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Finally, approved high-resolution AO NIR imaging and spectroscopy are also underway through 2022 using Keck/NIRC2, Keck/OSIRIS, and Gemini/GSAOI, with a focus on hidden galaxy mergers and dual, small-separation AGN in obscured systems. Finally, another set of survey programs are broadly focused on connecting the key star-formation-related properties of the AGN hosts, such as SFR and molecular and atomic gas, with AGN activity in nearby AGN, using high-resolution and high-sensitivity observations over the IR-millimeter-radio spectral regimes. These programs include earlier studies carried out with Spitzer (e.g., Weaver et al. 2010) and Herschel (e.g., Mushotzky et al. 2014), which focused on nearby BAT AGN and were then followed up in the submillimeter and radio. The Herschel program to measure star formation observed 317 of the nearest BAT AGN (\(z < 0.05\)), which were later followed up with more recent measurements of host galaxy molecular gas using CO lines (Koss et al. 2021), and 22 GHz (e.g., Smith et al. 2020) observations with the JVLA. A yet nearer-distance sample (\(z < 0.025\)) is being targeted for HI mapping using the JVLA. More molecular gas observations using APEX have also been approved for these sources, through 2022. A program to obtain 100 pc resolution CO(2-1) measurements using ALMA was done for 33 nearby and luminous AGN. High spatial resolution radio observations (0.2–0.5 pc resolution) that form a complete volume-limited sample out to 40 Mpc for AGN above \(L_{14-195\text{ keV}}^{\text{obs}} > 10^{42} \text{ erg s}^{-1}\), has also been done for a sample of 37 objects using C-band Very Long Baseline Array (VLBA).
### Table 3. Additional BASS and Archival Multiwavelength Data

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<td>98</td>
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Note—Column (1): telescope or instrument for the survey data. If the data are substantially similar (e.g., AO imaging in the same filter), we have grouped telescopes. Column (2): wavelength, frequency, line, filter, or energy band. Column (3): total number of unique AGN from the Swift BAT 70-month catalog, which includes a total of 858 AGN. This number does not include 105-month AGN which will be released in subsequent catalogs (BASS DRs). The “+” sign indicates approved and/or ongoing additional observations. Column (4): indicates whether (part of) the observations were focused on a volume-limited sample, and/or particular AGN subclass. Column (5): main investigators for survey data. “Archival” indicates that the majority of corresponding data are from disparate observing programs.

### 5. OVERALL SURVEY RESULTS

The BASS survey is a spectroscopically complete for 100% (858/858) of the AGN identified in the 70-month BAT all-sky survey outside of 7 sources deep within the Galactic plane (\(|b|<3^\circ\)) which we were unable to target. The BASS DR2 reports redshifts for 99.9% (857/858) of the AGN, excluding only one continuum dominated blazar with a foreground Galactic star. This includes 47 redshifts reported for the first time. Outside of the Galactic plane (\(|b|>10^\circ\)) the survey completeness in BH mass measurements from broad lines or stellar velocity dispersion is 98% for all unbeamed AGN because of the typically lower extinction in these regions. The remaining sources without BH mass measurements are mostly double-peaked/and or assymetric broad-line AGN and high redshift Sy 2 (\(z > 0.1\)), where high-quality velocity dispersion measurements are difficult. For beamed
For intrinsic X-ray luminosity, the errors are typically 20%. The uncertainties on BH mass determinations from optical lines. Columns (5-8): number of unique AGN with MBH measurements and excluding the Galactic plane region |b| < 10° where high optical extinction makes measurements more difficult; also listed as percentages. Columns (9-12): median MBH, Lbol, Lbol/L_Edd, and log(N_H/cm^2) for the sample.

### Table 4. Summary of Unbeamed AGN Properties

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Note—Summary of the medians and standard error of the median for different populations of unbeamed AGN. Column (1): AGN optical type based on the presence of broad Hβ and Hα. Column (2): total for the whole sample. Column (3): total excluding the Galactic plane region |b| < 10° where high optical extinction makes measurements more difficult. Column (4): median redshift from optical lines. Columns (5-8): number of unique AGN with MBH measurements and excluding the Galactic plane region |b| < 10° where high optical extinction makes measurements more difficult; also listed as percentages. Columns (9-12): median MBH, Lbol, Lbol/L_Edd, and log(N_H/cm^2) for the sample.

As a survey of the nearest and brightest hard X-ray-selected AGN in the sky, the measurement-associated uncertainties on BASS measurements are typically small. Apart from the beamed sources (e.g., blazars or “BZB”) that lack emission lines and a handful of sources that are located in extremely crowded (Galactic plane) regions, the spectra of all BASS sources have multiple emission lines for robust redshift measurements. The uncertainties on BH mass determinations from σ_ are dominated by the systematics on the MBH-σ_ scaling relation (e.g., ~0.3-0.5 dex, Marsden et al. 2020) rather than on the scatter found in repeat observations (Koss et al. 2022b, ~0.1-2.2 dex). Similarly, the uncertainties on BH masses derived through spectral analysis of broad lines may reach ~0.3-0.4 dex (Peterson 2014) whereas the measurement uncertainty is much lower (i.e., 0.1 dex Mejía-Restrepo et al. 2022). The uncertainties on N_H are ~0.05 dex for log(N_H/cm^-2)<23.5 and ~0.3 for log(N_H/cm^-2)>23.5 (Ricci et al. 2017a). For intrinsic X-ray luminosity, the errors are typically < 0.1 dex (Lanz et al. 2019), unless the AGN are CT, in which case the typical errors can reach ~ 0.4 dex (Ricci et al. 2015). The bolometric luminosities are calculated from the intrinsic luminosities in the 14–150 keV range as shown in Ricci et al. (2017a, see their Table 12), using a bolometric correction of 8 (see, e.g., Koss et al. 2022a). In this case, the uncertainties are in the range of 0.2 dex (e.g., Trakhtenbrot et al. 2017).

We also looked at relationships between the line-of-sight column density, as measured from X-ray data, and BH mass and Eddington ratio, as determined from optical spectroscopy (Figure 4). One clear takeaway is that unobscured (Sy 1) AGNs occupy a region of higher Eddington ratios compared to obscured (Sy 1.9s and 2) AGN. This echoes the previous BASS DR1-based finding by Ricci et al. (2017b), which supports a scenario where radiation pressure is the main driver of the geometry of the (dusty) circumnuclear gas. There are no obvious trends between N_H and either MBH or Lbol/L_Edd within each AGN optical subclass.

### 5.2. Redshift Survey Biases

Looking more carefully into Figure 3, the unbeamed BASS AGN typically occupy narrow regions in the BH mass—Eddington ratio plane, in different redshift intervals. These could be easily understood as a combination of survey (flux) limits, AGN physics, and demographics. For example, the most distant AGN in our sample (z>0.1) include almost no sources with small
Figure 3. Distribution of BH masses ($M_{BH}$) and Eddington ratios ($L_{bol}/L_{Edd}$) for the entire sample of BASS AGNs for which redshift measurements are available, including unbeamed AGN (e.g., Sy 1, Sy 1.9, and Sy 2) and beamed AGN (BZQs). The lower limits on $M_{BH}$ and $L_{bol}/L_{Edd}$ due to the survey flux limits are illustrated with dashed (antidiagonal) lines, for various redshifts corresponding to $z=0.01$ ($L_{bol}=1.8\times10^{43}$ erg s$^{-1}$), $z=0.04$ ($L_{bol}=3.2\times10^{44}$ erg s$^{-1}$), and $z=0.1$ ($L_{bol}=2.0\times10^{45}$ erg s$^{-1}$). Errors in $M_{BH}$ are of order 0.5 dex owing to systematic uncertainties in virial and $\sigma$-based scaling relations (e.g., Ricci et al. 2022). The BASS unbeamed AGN occupy narrow, redshift-dependent slices of the $M_{BH} - L_{bol}/L_{Edd}$ plane due to the Eddington limit and survey flux limits (see text for details). Interestingly, we find that the log($L_{bol}/L_{Edd}$) tends to be bounded at -2.5 to -3 possibly associated with BAT identifying disk accretion primarily rather than inefficient accretion and the upper bounds at the Eddington limit (except for beamed AGN). The lower bound of the BH mass distribution corresponds to log($M_{BH}/M_\odot$)=5, where the range pushes into intermediate-mass BHs and would only be sensitive to Eddington/super-Eddington accretion, if it exists. The upper limit at log($M_{BH}/M_\odot$)=10 is largely owing to the space density of massive BHs.

BHs ($M_{BH}\leq10^7 M_\odot$) because these would have to be super-Eddington to be detected. Likewise, the lowest Eddington ratios sources ($L_{bol}/L_{Edd}\leq10^{-3}$) are also almost exclusively at the highest-mass and lowest-redshift ($z<0.01$) systems. However, while our sample is affected by strong low-mass and low accretion rate biases, there are no biases against super-Eddington non-beamed AGN. Notably, such sources are extremely rare in the survey, suggesting that the Eddington limit remains meaningful despite the simplifications in its derivation.

We show the Eddington ratio vs. redshift in the top panel of Figure 5. Despite the aforementioned possible biases, Sy 1 sources tend to have higher Eddington ratios (on average) than Sy 1.9 or Sy 2 sources, even when matched in redshift, though this difference decreases towards the highest redshifts in the sample ($z>0.05$). The Sy 1.9 and Sy 2 classes follow the same distribution in $L_{bol}/L_{Edd}$ rising sharply with redshift from $L_{bol}/L_{Edd} \approx 10^{-2}$ at $z=0.01$ to $L_{bol}/L_{Edd} \approx 6\times10^{-2}$. Conversely, the median Eddington ratio of Sy 1s is nearly flat with redshift ($L_{bol}/L_{Edd} \approx (7 - 9)\times10^{-2}$).

5.3. Comparison to Other Surveys

That is, $L_{bol} \approx M_{BH} \times L_{bol}/L_{Edd}$ for a high-$z$ source would result in a low flux.

The alternative is that super-Eddington accretion in SMBHs is extremely X-ray weak (e.g., Laurenti et al. 2022).
Figure 4. Summary scatter plots of the line-of-sight hydrogen column density ($N_H$, an obscuration indicator) vs. BH mass (top) and Eddington ratio (bottom). Different symbols mark subclasses of unbeamed BASS AGN (e.g., Sy 1, Sy1.9, and Sy 2). X-ray measurements of $N_H = 10^{20} \text{cm}^{-2}$ are essentially upper limits and represent sources with no sign of obscuration. The large squares indicate the binned medians for each subclass. Error bars on the plotted median values are equivalent to 1σ and calculated based on a bootstrap procedure with 100 realizations. The bin sizes were constructed to have equal numbers of sources in each bin. The Sy 1 AGN tend to have higher Eddington ratios than the narrow-line AGN (Sy 1.9 and Sy 2). Typical 90% errors in $N_H$ are $<0.2$ dex based on X-ray modeling (Ricci et al. 2017a), but higher for heavily obscured AGN $\log \log (N_H/\text{cm}^{-2}) > 24.5$. 
Type 2 quasars tend to have significantly higher Eddington ratios than BAT Sy1.9 or Sy 2 types, despite overlap in redshift at eROSITA. Specifically, 90% are unobscured (0.5-2 keV; Wolf et al. 2021) over 140°

The more recent reprocessing of the second ROSAT all-sky survey (2RXS) source catalog (Boller et al. 2016) had a flux limit of ~10⁻¹³ erg cm⁻² s⁻¹ at 0.1-2.4 keV, with ~130,000 sources. Assuming $\Gamma = 1.8$, this flux limit corresponds to ~2 × 10⁻¹³ over the BAT 14-195 keV band, which is ~50× deeper than the 70-month BAT survey. Of these, 7005 ROSAT sources were cross-matched with the SDSS Data Release 5 (Anderson et al. 2007). Due to the soft X-ray sensitivity of ROSAT, the vast majority of these sources (6224/7005, or 89%) were broad-line AGN whereas the fraction within BASS for such (unbeamed) sources is 42%. In addition, the median redshift of the (subset of) ROSAT sources was $z = 0.42$, which is more than a factor of 10 more distant than the unbeamed BASS AGN ($z \approx 0.037$). The BASS overlap with ROSAT is 95% for Sy 1 sources, down to 53% for Sy2, and only 30% for LINERS (see, e.g., Oh et al. 2022, for further details). A more comprehensive comparison between the 2RXS and the BAT AGNs is also available in Oh et al. (2018).

The concurrent eROSITA mission and its all-sky survey (0.2-8 keV Predehl et al. 2021) are expected to eventually yield a few million AGN and be roughly a factor of 100 less deep (~10⁻¹⁵ erg cm⁻² s⁻¹) than ROSAT, which means a particularly larger number of higher-redshift sources. The eROSITA Final Equatorial Depth Survey (eFEDS), with a depth of ~10⁻¹⁴ erg cm⁻² s⁻¹ at 0.5-2 keV (Wolf et al. 2021) over 140 deg² provides some early insight into what one could expect for the AGN population to be surveys by eROSITA. Specifically, 90% are unobscured (log($N_H$/cm⁻²) < 21.5) and the redshift distribution peaks at around $z \approx 1$ (Liu et al. 2021), though redshift determination for the majority of sources is problematic until larger spectroscopic surveys are completed (e.g., via SDSS-V, Kollmeier et al. 2017 and/or VISTA/4MOST, Salvato et al. 2021). Thus, we expect that BASS will provide a bright complement of well-understood luminous nearby sources ($z \approx 0.037$) that is less biased with regard to obscuration, but also missing the numerous distant AGN to be detected by eROSITA.

To put the BASS sample in perspective, we also compare it to several other optical surveys of nearby luminous AGN, including the SDSS quasars (Shen et al. 2011), SDSS Sy2 AGN (Greene & Ho 2005), the PG quasars (Boroson & Green 1992), and Type 2 Quasars selected using [O iii]5007 emission (Kong & Ho 2018). Compared to these samples, the BAT-selected AGN are typically found at lower redshifts ($z<0.1$). The Eddington ratios of broad-line (Sy 1) AGN are above the SDSS Sy 2 AGN, consistent with those of SDSS and PG quasars, but below the SDSS Type 2 quasars. Among Sy 1.9 and Sy 2 types, only the highest redshift BAT sources ($z>0.08$) have similar Eddington ratios as the SDSS quasars and PG quasars. However, the SDSS Type 2 quasars tend to have significantly higher Eddington ratios than BAT Sy1.9 or Sy 2 types, despite overlap in redshift at $z=0.1$. Finally, BASS Sy 2 AGN tend to have higher Eddington ratios than SDSS Sy 2 AGN.

| Type            | N   | $N, |b| > 10^\circ$ | $z$ | $N_{BH}$ | $\%$ Meas $M_{BH}$ | log $M_{BH}$ | log $L_{bol}$ | log $L_{bol}/L_{Edd}$ | log $N_H$ |
|-----------------|-----|-----------|-----|---------|------------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|----------|
| BZQ             | 74  | 63        | 0.88±0.12 | 67 | 91    | 8.83±0.09        | 47.66±0.16  | 0.38±0.12    | 20±0.11          |
| BZB             | 22  | 18        | 0.13±0.02 | 45.81±0.12 | 20.57±0.12   |
| BZG             | 8   | 6         | 0.07±0.02 | 45.11±0.20 | 20.81±0.11   |
| Sy1/lensed      | 1   | 1         | 0.65      | 1   | 100   | 8.79            | 47.18        | 0.21          | 20               |
| BZQ/lensed      | 1   | 0         | 2.51      | 49.49 | 22.77          |
| Total           | 106 | 88        | 0.33±0.10 | 68 | 8.83±0.09 | 46.53±0.14 | 0.38±0.12    | 20.54±0.08  |

Note—Summary of the medians and standard error of the median for different populations of beamed and/or lensed AGN. Column (1): AGN optical type based on presence of broad lines (BZQ), only host galaxy features lacking broad lines (BZG), or traditional continuum dominated blazars with no emission lines (BZB), or lensing. Column (2): Total for the whole sample. Column (3) total excluding the Galactic plane region $|b| < 10^\circ$ where high optical extinction makes measurements more difficult. Column (4): median redshift from optical lines. Column (5–6): number of unique AGN with $M_{BH}$ measurements and percentages. Column (7–10): median $M_{BH}, L_{bol}, L_{bol}/L_{Edd}$ and, log($N_H$/cm⁻²) for the sample.
The most luminous quasars in our sample are generally not found in other quasar samples. We investigated whether the most luminous BAT AGN were selected by the SDSS quasars and Type 2 quasars samples and found virtually no BAT AGN in these samples. We focused specifically on the range of $z<0.3$ and $L_{\text{bol}}>10^{46} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$, which includes 18 unbeamed BAT AGN, of which 8 are found within the SDSS footprint. Of these, only one source (SWIFTJ1547.5+2050 aka 3C323.1) is selected by the SDSS quasar sample. The other seven AGN were not targeted for SDSS spectroscopy. In five cases the quasar is classified as a star in terms of colors, and in two cases the obscured (Sy2) AGN are classified as galaxies, but no spectra were taken.

On the other hand, there are 14 SDSS quasars with $L_{\text{bol}}>10^{46} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$, which are not detected by the BAT survey. The BAT detection limit at $z=0.3$ for 90% sky coverage is equivalent to $L_{\text{bol}}=1.1 \times 10^{46} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$, assuming a simple conversion of $L_{\text{bol}}=8 \times L_{14-195 \text{ keV}}^{\text{obs}}$ erg s$^{-1}$ (e.g., Koss et al. 2017). Hence, all the 14 SDSS quasars should be detected. It is possible that these undetected quasars may be part of a class of X-ray-weak quasars that have been found by several campaigns (e.g., Laor et al. 1997; Pu et al. 2020). Alternatively, the single, constant X-ray bolometric correction, rather than a luminosity-dependent one (e.g., Duras et al. 2020), may be too low for our sample. Techniques can be used to study known sources at $L_{\text{bol}}$ and would be ideal for this population (e.g., Koss et al. 2013). We reserve further discussion for future detailed studies. For the SDSS Type 2 Quasars, there is no overlap between the samples, with 26 AGN in the Type 2 Quasars having $L_{\text{bol}}>10^{46} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$, and 0/26 detected by BAT, when all should be detected.

We further compare the bolometric luminosities and BH masses of the BASS DR2 sample. Only the most luminous quartile of Sy 1.9 and Sy 2 AGN reaches the average luminosities of the SDSS quasars at similar redshifts ($z<0.3$). By comparison, roughly half of the BASS Sy 1 sample occupies similar distributions in bolometric luminosity and BH mass as the SDSS quasars. The Sy 1 AGN have similar luminosities as the PG quasars, other than the least luminous quartile, but somewhat larger BH masses. The SDSS Type 2 quasars occupy a region significantly above the BAT Sy 1.9 and Sy 2 AGN in $L_{\text{bol}}$, reached only by the most luminous quartile of the Sy 1 AGN.

Finally, the BASS sample has a significant number of low-mass BHs ($M_{\text{BH}}<10^7 M_\odot$) that are not present in any of the other comparison samples. This feature of BASS is due to the higher spectral resolution ($R > 2500$) in the optical spectroscopy, which allows us to resolve spectral features tracing smaller BHs; the purely AGN-dominated selection in the $>14 \text{ keV}$ band, which allows to study low-$M_{\text{BH}}$ AGNs whose optical emission is host dominated; and the ability to study even the nearest AGN (i.e., $z < 0.01$) which are saturated in SDSS imaging and thus excluded from the spectroscopic follow-up. A small number of nearby ($z<0.01$) SMBHs have Eddington ratios as low as $\approx 10^{-5}$ (e.g., M81, Devereux 2019) and offer an opportunity to study the emission properties of advection-dominated accretion flows (ADAF, Yuan & Narayan 2014). These radiatively inefficient accretion flows result in broadband SEDs that are markedly different from those characterizing standard, thin-disc accretion (see, e.g., Ryan & MacFadyen 2017).

We finally compare the BASS DR2 sample to MIR-selected AGN. The standard WISE color cut ($W1 - W2 > 0.8$ Stern et al. 2012) identifies only 56% of the BAT AGN sample (482/858). The fraction of detections is highly dependent on AGN luminosity, with a much higher fraction of luminous AGN detected (Figure 6; see also Ichikawa et al. 2017).

We also compare the number of BASS AGN in the WISE-selected AGN drawn from the 30,093 deg$^2$ of extragalactic sky in the AllWISE Data Release (Assef et al. 2018). The AllWISE AGN study by Assef et al. (2018) provides an AGN catalog with 90% reliability (the “R90” catalog), selected purely using the WISE $W1$ and $W2$ bands, but with lower completeness. However, many of the BAT AGN are excluded by default because they reside in galaxies that are extended in 2MASS, a criterion adopted by the WISE AGN catalog to avoid contamination by separate, resolved parts of nearby galaxies. We find that only about 74/858 BASS DR2 sources overlap with the WISE R90 AGN catalog (9%), including 37 broad line AGN (Sy 1–1.8), 6 narrow line AGN (Sy 1.9–2), 28 beamed broad line AGN, and 3 continuum-dominated blazars (BZB). This corresponds to a WISE AGN detection fraction of 11.7% (37/314) for broad line AGN and only 1.5% for obscured BAT AGN (6/393), though the detection fraction would be higher if extended galaxies were included in the WISE AGN catalog. We note again that the WISE detection fraction is strongly dependent on AGN luminosity, with no BAT AGN with $L_{\text{bol}}<5 \times 10^{44} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$ found in the WISE AGN catalog.

When comparing the $L_{\text{bol}} - z$ distribution of BAT- and WISE-selected AGN, in Figure 6, it appears that the WISE AGN tend toward high redshifts at similar AGN luminosities, due to the requirement that they are point-like in 2MASS. If we further restrict the WISE AGN to $L_{\text{bol}}>10^{46} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$ and $z<0.3$, there are six WISE AGN above this limit from (Barrows et al. 2021), five of which overlap with the BAT sample. On the other hand, we find 6/18 (33%) of the unbeamed BAT quasars with $z<0.3$ and $L_{\text{bol}}>10^{46} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$ are in the WISE all-sky AGN catalog.

In summary, BAT is finding a broad range of nearby AGN in terms of bolometric luminosity, BH mass, Eddington ratio, and particularly obscuration, including a significant population of low $L_{\text{bol}}/L_{\text{edd}}$, low $M_{\text{BH}}$ sources, with a well-characterized selection function and >99% complete spectroscopic coverage making it a unique legacy sample for future AGN studies. Given the unique...
selection criteria provided by BAT and the complete, adaptive optical spectroscopy, it complements other legacy samples of nearby AGN.

6. SUMMARY

We present here an overview of the BASS DR2, with 1449 optical spectra, of which 1181 are released for the first time, for the 858 ultra-hard-X-ray-selected AGN in the Swift BAT 70-month sample. In this special issue, we provide several immediate top-level scientific results and catalogs, including the following:

1. A largely statistically complete sample with 99.6% and 98% of the brightest 858 ultrahard X-ray (14-195 keV) selected AGN outside the Galactic plane having measured spectroscopic redshifts and BH mass estimates (respectively). The BH masses are derived from broad emission line (Mejía-Restrepo et al. 2022) or from stellar velocity dispersion measurements (Koss et al. 2022b).

2. The 858 AGN represent a uniquely complete census of nearby AGN ($z < 0.3$), spanning 5-7 orders of magnitude in AGN bolometric luminosity ($L_{\text{bol}} \sim 10^{40} - 10^{47} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$), BH mass ($M_{\text{BH}} \sim 10^5 - 10^{10} M_{\odot}$), Eddington ratio ($L_{\text{bol}}/L_{\text{Edd}} \sim 10^{-5} - 10$), and obscuration ($N_H \sim 10^{20} - 10^{25} \text{ cm}^{-2}$). These AGN are largely distinct from those found by other surveys, specifically with very little overlap even among nearby SDSS quasars or WISE AGN.

3. A large catalog of emission-line measurements from 3200-10000 Å (Oh et al. 2022) for the 858 AGN and an additional 233 NIR spectroscopic measurements (1 – 2 μm; Brok et al. 2022; Ricci et al. 2022).

4. The first directly constrained BHMF and ERDF using both unobscured and obscured AGN, in addition to a highly robust determination of the XLF (Ananna et al. 2022).

5. The significant bias toward underestimation of BH mass when using Hβ or Hα emission in obscured systems ($\log(N_H/cm^{-2}) > 21$; see Mejía-Restrepo et al. 2022; Ricci et al. 2022).

6. The ability of MIR emission to recover the X-ray column density (Pfeifle et al. 2022).

We hope that these initial results are only the beginning of the legacy value of the BASS project for understanding BH growth in nearby AGN, and that the data products will be of lasting and general usefulness to the broader astronomical community. There are a variety of studies that can be done using this dataset, such as focusing on SFRs, stellar masses, stellar population ages, dust reddening, metallicities, AGN-driven outflows, weak/faint emission lines, and links to morphological studies — all of which are not a significant part of the present data release. The broad wavelength coverage of the BASS sample is highly conducive to modeling SED with recent modeling tools (e.g., X-CIGALE; Yang et al. 2020). The future DR3 will focus in particular on fainter AGN from the 105-month BAT catalog (Oh et al. 2018), which reaches flux limits 23% deeper than the 70-month catalog used for DR2, and for which follow-up observations are currently ongoing. We encourage the community to engage with the BASS data and team, to maximize the science output of this unique sample and dataset.
Figure 5. The distribution of BASS DR2 AGNs in the Eddington ratio vs. redshift (top) and bolometric luminosity vs. BH mass (bottom) planes. The large squares indicate the binned medians for each AGN subclass with redshift (top) and $M_{BH}$ (bottom). Error bars on the plotted median values are equivalent to 1σ, calculated based on a bootstrap procedure with 100 realizations. The number of bins was fixed to four constructed to have equal numbers of sources in each bin. For comparison, we plot SDSS quasars at $z<0.3$ (grey contours; Shen et al. 2011) and lower-luminosity SDSS Type 2 Seyferts (purple contours; Greene & Ho 2005). The solid and dashed contour covers 68% and 95% of the data, respectively. We also plot the median for PG Quasars (Boroson & Green 1992) (black squares) and SDSS Type 2 Quasars (Kong & Ho 2018) selected based on their [O iii] $\lambda$5007 emission (purple squares). The BASS AGN have roughly similar BH masses and bolometric luminosities to the different SDSS samples but also extend to lower redshifts and BH masses. We note that there is essentially no overlap between BASS DR2 and these SDSS-based samples of powerful AGNs (see text for discussion).
Figure 6. The distribution of BASS DR2 in the bolometric luminosity vs. redshift (top) and WISE colors vs. bolometric luminosity (bottom) planes. For comparison, we also plot the distributions of WISE-selected AGN at $z < 0.3$ (Assef et al. 2018, red contours), with SED fitting and redshifts measured from the SDSS (Barrows et al. 2021). The solid and dashed contours cover 68% and 95% of the WISE AGN data, respectively. A black dashed line indicates the WISE color cut to identify AGN ($W_1 - W_2 > 0.8$ Stern et al. 2012). The BAT AGN tend to probe similar luminosities as the higher redshift WISE AGN, but at lower redshifts.
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