

37. Since the rest energy E_0 and the mass m of the quasar are related by $E_0 = mc^2$, the rate P of energy radiation and the rate of mass loss are related by $P = dE_0/dt = (dm/dt)c^2$. Thus,

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \frac{P}{c^2} = \frac{1 \times 10^{41} \text{ W}}{(2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})^2} = 1.11 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg/s} .$$

Since a solar mass is $2.0 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$ and a year is $3.156 \times 10^7 \text{ s}$,

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = (1.11 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg/s}) \left(\frac{3.156 \times 10^7 \text{ s/y}}{2.0 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg/smu}} \right) \approx 18 \text{ smu/y} .$$