

*AHELP for CIAO 3.4*

get_eqwidth

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Synopsis

Module functions that compute the equivalent width of an emission or absorption line in source or background data.

Syntax

```
Float_Type get_eqwidth([Integer_Type],String_Type,String_Type)
Float_Type get_beqwidth([Integer_Type],String_Type,String_Type)

Error Return Values: NULL

Arguments:

(1) Dataset number (default 1)

(2) Expression defining the continuum model

(3) Expression defining the continuum-plus-line model
```

Description

See the related Sherpa command EQWIDTH for definitions and more information.

Example

Model a continuum and emission line complex using a power-law and normalized Gaussian, then compute the equivalent width:

```
sherpa> SOURCE = POW[cont]+NGAUSS[eline]
...
sherpa> FIT
...
sherpa> EQWIDTH 1 (cont,cont+eline)
EW = 0.535073 keV
sherpa> foo = get_eqwidth(1,"cont","cont+eline")
sherpa> print(foo)
0.535073
```

Bugs

See the [Sherpa bug pages](#) online for an up-to-date listing of known bugs.

See Also

chandra

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sherpa

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