

*AHELP for CIAO 3.4*

## get\_mcounts\_sum

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## Synopsis

Module functions for computing the sum of convolved model counts in source and background datasets.

## Syntax

```
Struct_Type get_mcounts_sum(Struct_Type)
Struct_Type get_bmcnts_sum(Struct_Type)
Struct_Type get_mcounts_sum([Integer_Type[,{Float_Type |
Array_Type}[,String_Type]]])
Struct_Type get_bmcnts_sum([Integer_Type[,{Float_Type |
Array_Type}[,String_Type]]])

Error Return Values: NULL

Arguments:

(1) Structure of form returned by get_flux_str; or

(1) Dataset number (default 1)

(2) Evaluation point, or lower-upper bounds (default use all data)

(3) Model component or stack name (default use all appropriate models)
```

## Description

These functions retrieve the summation of convolved predicted model amplitudes.

The output of `get_flux_str()`, a structure, can be used as input to `get_mcounts_sum()` and `get_bmcnts_sum()`. One would retrieve this default structure, modify its field values, and pass it to `get_mcounts_sum()` et al. See the example below.

Note that numerical arguments are interpreted using Sherpa's current ANALYSIS setting.

The structure output by these functions contains the following fields:

### get\_mcounts\_sum Structure Fields

Field	Description
dataset	the dataset for which the counts summation is evaluated

range	the single point at which the counts is determined, or the range over which the counts are summed; if NULL, the summation is done over the entire dataset range
comp	the model stack or component for which the counts are summed; if NULL, the whole source/bg stack is used
value	the summation of counts
units	NULL for these functions

See the related Sherpa command MCOUNTS for more information.

## Example

Fit a power-law to a dataset; compute the sum of model amplitudes between 2 and 10 keV:

```
sherpa> foo = get_flux_str()
sherpa> print(foo)
dataset      = 1
range        = NULL
comp         = NULL
sherpa> foo.range = [2,10]
sherpa> print(get_mcounts_sum(foo).value)
291.483
sherpa> print(get_mcounts_sum(,2.0,"p").value)
12.6129
```

## Bugs

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

## See Also

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