



AHELP for CIAO 3.4

## xstbabs

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## Synopsis

Calculates the absorption of X-rays by the ISM. XSpec model.

## Description

The Tuebingen–Boulder ISM absorption model. This model calculates the cross-section for X-ray absorption by the ISM as the sum of the cross-sections for X-ray absorption due to the gas-phase ISM, the grain-phase ISM, and the molecules in the ISM. In the grain-phase ISM, the effect of shielding by the grains is accounted for, but is extremely small. In the molecular contribution to the ISM cross-section, only molecular hydrogen is considered. In the gas-phase ISM, the cross-section is the sum of the photoionization cross-sections of the different elements, weighted by abundance and taking into account depletion onto grains. In addition to the updates to the photoionization cross-sections, the gas-phase cross-section differs from previous values as a result of updates to the ISM abundances. Details of updates to the photoionization cross-sections as well as to abundances can be found in Wilms, Allen and McCray (2000, ApJ 542, 914).

### xstbabs Parameters

Number	Name	Description
1	nH	equivalent hydrogen column (in units of $10^{22}$ atoms/cm <sup>2</sup> )

This information is taken from the [XSpec User's Guide](#). Version 11.3.1 of the XSpec models is supplied with CIAO 3.2.

## Bugs

For a list of known bugs and issues with the XSPEC models, please visit the [XSPEC bugs page](#).

## See Also

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[atten](#), [bbody](#), [bbodyfreq](#), [beta1d](#), [beta2d](#), [box1d](#), [box2d](#), [bpl1d](#), [const1d](#), [const2d](#), [cos](#), [delta1d](#), [delta2d](#), [dered](#), [devaucouleurs](#), [edge](#), [erf](#), [erfc](#), [farf](#), [farf2d](#), [fpsf](#), [fpsf1d](#), [frmf](#), [gauss1d](#), [gauss2d](#), [gridmodel](#), [hubble](#), [jdpileup](#), [linebroad](#), [lorentz1d](#), [lorentz2d](#), [models](#), [nbeta](#), [ngauss1d](#), [poisson](#), [polynom1d](#), [polynom2d](#), [powlaw1d](#), [ptsrc1d](#), [ptsrc2d](#), [rsp](#), [rsp2d](#), [schechter](#), [shexp](#), [shexp10](#), [shlog10](#), [shloge](#), [sin](#), [sqrt](#), [stephi1d](#),

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xsboxray, xsboxriv, xsboxpower, xsboxmc, xsboxremss, xsboxvapec, xsc6mekl, xsc6pmekl, xsc6pvmkl,  
xsc6vmekl, xscabs, xscemekl, xscvmkl, xscflow, xscmpbb, xscmpls, xscmpst, xscmpptt, xsconstant,  
xscutoffpl, xscyclabs, xsdisk, xsdiskbb, xsdiskline, xsdiskm, xsdisko, xsdiskpn, xsdust, xsedge, xsequil,  
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xspgpwrlw, xspexray, xspexriv, xsphabs, xsplabs, xsplcabs, xspesm, xspowerlaw, xspshock, xspwab,  
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