



AHELP for CIAO 3.4

statistic

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Synopsis

Specifies the fitting statistic.

Syntax

```
sherpa> STATISTIC <sherpa_statisticname>
```

Description

<sherpa_statisticname> is the name of one of the supported fitting statistics:

STATISTIC Command Arguments

<sherpa_statisticname>	Description
BAYES	A Bayesian maximum likelihood function.
CASH	A maximum likelihood function.
{CHI CVAR CHI PARENT}	Chi-square statistic with constant variance computed from the counts data.
CHI DVAR	Chi-square statistic with variance computed from the data.
CHI GEHRELS	Chi-square statistic with the Gehrels variance function.
CHI MVAR	Chi-square statistic with variance computed from model amplitudes.
CHI PRIMINI	Chi-square statistic with Primini variance function.
CSTAT	A maximum likelihood function: XSPEC implementation of CASH
USERSTAT	User-implemented statistic.

The default statistic is CHI GEHRELS. It is the default because of its behavior in the low-counts regime.

The statistic that has been set in the current Sherpa session may be listed with the command SHOW STATISTIC.

See the Sherpa manual for more information.

Example

Specify a fitting statistic to be used; report on it:

```
sherpa> STATISTIC BAYES
sherpa> SHOW STATISTIC
Statistic: Bayes
```

Bugs

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

See Also

sherpa

[bayes](#), [cash](#), [chicvar](#), [chidvar](#), [chigehrels](#), [chimvar](#), [chiprimini](#), [chisquare](#), [cstat](#), [get_stat_expr](#), [truncate](#), [userstat](#)

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