



AHELP for CIAO 3.4

## thaw

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## Synopsis

Allows model parameter(s) to vary.

## Syntax

```
sherpa> THAW <arg_1> [<arg_2> ...]
```

## Description

<arg> may be:

### THAW Command Arguments

Argument	Description
<sherpa_modelname>.{<paramname>   <#>}	Thaws the specified model component parameter.
<modelname>.{<paramname>   <#>}	Thaws the specified model component parameter.
<sherpa_modelname>	Thaws all parameters of the specified model component.
<modelname>	Thaws all parameters of the specified model component.
<sherpa_model_stack> [# [ID]]	Thaws the parameters of all model components within the specified model stack (SOURCE, BACKGROUND, PILEUP, [B]NOISE, or KERNEL). # is a dataset number (default 1); see BACKGROUND for an explanation of ID.
<model_stack>	Thaws the parameters of all model components within the user-defined model stack.

The command FREEZE is used to prohibit model parameter values from varying.

In addition, model parameters may be thawed using the equivalent command

- `sherpa> <modelname>.{<paramname>|<#>}.TYPE = THAW`

Model parameters may also be thawed using the Sherpa/S–Lang module functions `set_thawed` and `set_par`.

## Example 1

Thaw a model parameter:

```
sherpa> GAUSS[modelb]
modelb.fwhm parameter value [10]
modelb.pos parameter value [0]
modelb.ampl parameter value [1]
sherpa> THAW modelb.ampl
```

The final command thaws the parameter `ampl` of `modelb`.

## Example 2

Freeze a model parameter and thaw a model parameter:

```
sherpa> FREEZE modelb.3
sherpa> THAW modelb.3
```

First, the third parameter of `modelb` is frozen. The last command then thaws the third parameter of `modelb`.

## Example 3

Freeze all model parameters and thaw two model parameters:

```
sherpa> FREEZE modelb
sherpa> THAW modelb.fwhm modelb.pos
```

First, all parameters of `modelb` are frozen. The last command then thaws the `fwhm` and `pos` parameters of `modelb`.

## Example 4

Freeze or thaw all source component parameters at once:

```
sherpa> PARAMPROMPT OFF
Model parameter prompting is off
sherpa> POW[modelc]
sherpa> GAUSS[modelf]
sherpa> SOURCE 2 = modelc + modelf
sherpa> FREEZE SOURCE 2
sherpa> SHOW SOURCE 2
Source 2:

(modelc + modelf)
powlaw1d[modelc] (integrate: on)
  Param  Type      Value      Min      Max      Units
  ----  -
  1  gamma frozen      1      -10      10
  2  ref  frozen  1-3.4028e+38  3.4028e+38
  3  ampl frozen      1      1e-20  3.4028e+38
gauss1d[modelf] (integrate: on)
  Param  Type      Value      Min      Max      Units
```

```

-----
 1  fwhm frozen          10 1.1755e-38 3.4028e+38
 2  pos frozen          0-3.4028e+38 3.4028e+38
 3  ampl frozen         1-3.4028e+38 3.4028e+38
sherpa> THAW SOURCE 2
sherpa> SHOW SOURCE 2
(modelc + modelf)
powlaw1d[modelc] (integrate: on)
  Param  Type      Value      Min      Max      Units
-----
 1  gamma thawed      1         -10      10
 2  ref frozen        1-3.4028e+38 3.4028e+38
 3  ampl thawed        1         1e-20   3.4028e+38
gauss1d[modelf] (integrate: on)
  Param  Type      Value      Min      Max      Units
-----
 1  fwhm thawed        10 1.1755e-38 3.4028e+38
 2  pos thawed         0-3.4028e+38 3.4028e+38
 3  ampl thawed        1-3.4028e+38 3.4028e+38

```

This example illustrates the use of FREEZE SOURCE and THAW SOURCE to freeze and thaw all source component parameters at once, respectively. Note that thawing of some model parameters (e.g., POWLAW1D.ref) is not permitted.

## Example 5

Thaw a model parameter:

```
sherpa> modelb.ampl.TYPE = THAW
```

This command thaws the parameter ampl of modelb. The following commands are each equivalent:

```

sherpa> modelb.3.TYPE = THAW
sherpa> THAW modelb.ampl
sherpa> THAW modelb.3

```

## Example 6

Freeze all model parameters at once and thaw all source parameters at once:

```

sherpa> PARAMPROMPT OFF
Model parameter prompting is off
sherpa> DATA data/example.pha
sherpa> GAUSS[modelc]
sherpa> SOURCE = modelb + modelc
sherpa> FREEZE modelc
sherpa> SHOW SOURCE
(modelb + modelc)
gauss1d[modelb] (integrate: on)
  Param  Type      Value      Min      Max      Units
-----
 1  fwhm frozen          2 1.1755e-38 3.4028e+38
 2  pos frozen          0-3.4028e+38 3.4028e+38
 3  ampl thawed         1-3.4028e+38 3.4028e+38
gauss1d[modelc] (integrate: on)
  Param  Type      Value      Min      Max      Units
-----
 1  fwhm frozen          0.7113    0.0071    71.1283
 2  pos frozen          0.9442    0.0276    14.5494

```

```

3  ampl frozen      0.0001 1.0564e-06      0.0106
sherpa> THAW SOURCE
sherpa> SHOW SOURCE
(modelb + modelc)
gauss1d[modelb] (integrate: on)
  Param  Type      Value      Min      Max      Units
  -----
1  fwhm  thawed      2 1.1755e-38 3.4028e+38
2  pos   thawed      0-3.4028e+38 3.4028e+38
3  ampl  thawed      1-3.4028e+38 3.4028e+38
gauss1d[modelc] (integrate: on)
  Param  Type      Value      Min      Max      Units
  -----
1  fwhm  thawed      0.7113      0.0071      71.1283
2  pos   thawed      0.9442      0.0276      14.5494
3  ampl  thawed      0.0001 1.0564e-06      0.0106

```

Note that the command FREEZE modelc freezes all parameters of the source model component modelc, while THAW SOURCE thaws all parameters of both source model components.

## Bugs

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

## See Also

*sherpa*

[autoest](#), [background](#), [create](#), [create\\_model](#), [createparamset](#), [fit](#), [freeze](#), [get\\_defined\\_models](#), [get\\_model\\_params](#), [get\\_models](#), [get\\_num\\_par](#), [get\\_par](#), [get\\_stackexpr](#), [getx](#), [gety](#), [guess](#), [instrument](#), [integrate](#), [is\\_paramset](#), [jointmode](#), [kernel](#), [lineid](#), [linkparam](#), [mdl](#), [modelexpr](#), [modelstack](#), [nestedmodel](#), [noise](#), [paramprompt](#), [paramset](#), [pileup](#), [rename](#), [run\\_fit](#), [set\\_par](#), [set\\_paramset](#), [set\\_stackexpr](#), [source](#), [truncate](#), [unlink](#)

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