

## ctools - Bug #1074

### Optimizer does not converge for parameters close to truth

01/09/2014 11:10 PM - Knödseder Jürgen

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| <b>Status:</b>         | Closed           | <b>Start date:</b>     | 01/09/2014 |
| <b>Priority:</b>       | Urgent           | <b>Due date:</b>       |            |
| <b>Assigned To:</b>    | Knödseder Jürgen | <b>% Done:</b>         | 100%       |
| <b>Category:</b>       |                  | <b>Estimated time:</b> | 0.00 hour  |
| <b>Target version:</b> | 1.0.0            |                        |            |

#### Description

Using the "Getting started example" of the ctools page, the unbinned ctlike fit did not properly converge for the following run:

\$ ctlike

Event list, counts map or observation definition file [selected\_events.fits]

Calibration database [\$GAMMALIB/share/caldb/cta]

Instrument response function [cta\_dummy\_irf]

Source model [crab.xml] \$GAMMALIB/share/models/crab.xml

Source model output file [crab\_results.xml]

The resulting log file is:

```
2014-01-09T21:49:39: Initial iteration: func=44391.3, Lambda=0.001
2014-01-09T21:49:39: Iteration 1: func=44391.3, Lambda=0.01, delta=0, max(grad)=9.59982 [6] (stalled)
2014-01-09T21:49:39: Iteration 2: func=44391.3, Lambda=0.1, delta=0, max(grad)=8.93495 [6] (stalled)
2014-01-09T21:49:39: Iteration 3: func=44391.3, Lambda=1, delta=0, max(grad)=3.15298 [6] (stalled)
2014-01-09T21:49:39: Iteration 4: func=44388.3, Lambda=0.1, delta=2.9745, max(grad)=0 [-1]
2014-01-09T21:49:39: Iteration 5: func=44388.3, Lambda=1, delta=0, max(grad)=8.9891 [6] (stalled)
2014-01-09T21:49:39: Iteration 6: func=44387.4, Lambda=0.1, delta=0.897666, max(grad)=2.69155 [7]
2014-01-09T21:49:39: Iteration 7: func=44387.4, Lambda=1, delta=0, max(grad)=11.4893 [6] (stalled)
2014-01-09T21:49:39: Iteration 8: func=44387.4, Lambda=10, delta=0, max(grad)=12.8144 [7] (stalled)
2014-01-09T21:49:39: Iteration 9: func=44387.4, Lambda=1, delta=0.0603885, max(grad)=4.33702 [7]
2014-01-09T21:49:39: Iteration 10: func=44387.4, Lambda=10, delta=0, max(grad)=13.2321 [7] (stalled)
2014-01-09T21:49:39: Iteration 11: func=44387.3, Lambda=1, delta=0.0520817, max(grad)=5.68515 [7]
2014-01-09T21:49:39: Iteration 12: func=44387.3, Lambda=10, delta=0, max(grad)=13.5394 [7] (stalled)
2014-01-09T21:49:39: Iteration 13: func=44387.3, Lambda=1, delta=0.0451309, max(grad)=6.77871 [7]
2014-01-09T21:49:39: Iteration 14: func=44387.3, Lambda=10, delta=0, max(grad)=13.7533 [7] (stalled)
2014-01-09T21:49:39: Iteration 15: func=44387.3, Lambda=100, delta=0, max(grad)=12.7579 [7] (stalled)
2014-01-09T21:49:39: Iteration 16: func=44387.3, Lambda=10, delta=0.00431746, max(grad)=12741.4 [6]
2014-01-09T21:49:39: Iteration 17: func=44387.3, Lambda=100, delta=0, max(grad)=0 [-1] (stalled)
2014-01-09T21:49:39: Iteration 18: func=44387.3, Lambda=1000, delta=0, max(grad)=0 [-1] (stalled)
2014-01-09T21:49:39: Iteration 19: func=44387.3, Lambda=10000, delta=0, max(grad)=0 [-1] (stalled)
2014-01-09T21:49:39: Iteration 20: func=44387.3, Lambda=100000, delta=0, max(grad)=5.46593 [7] (stalled)
2014-01-09T21:49:39: Iteration 21: func=44387.3, Lambda=1e+06, delta=0, max(grad)=6.74412 [7] (stalled)
2014-01-09T21:49:39: Iteration 22: func=44387.3, Lambda=1e+07, delta=0, max(grad)=12741.1 [6] (stalled)
2014-01-09T21:49:40: Iteration 23: func=44387.3, Lambda=1e+08, delta=0, max(grad)=12741.4 [6] (stalled)
2014-01-09T21:49:40: Iteration 24: func=44387.3, Lambda=1e+09, delta=0, max(grad)=12741.4 [6] (stalled)
2014-01-09T21:49:40: Iteration 25: func=44387.3, Lambda=1e+10, delta=0, max(grad)=12741.4 [6] (stalled)
2014-01-09T21:49:40: Iteration 26: func=44387.3, Lambda=1e+11, delta=0, max(grad)=12741.4 [6] (stalled)
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#### Related issues:

Related to GammaLib - Feature # 311: Tune Levenberg-Marquard optimizer

Closed

07/13/2012

#### History

#1 - 10/30/2014 12:22 PM - Knödseder Jürgen

- Priority changed from Normal to High

- Target version set to 1.0.0

This definitely should be investigated before we get the release 1.0.0 out.

## #2 - 10/31/2014 12:20 AM - Knödseder Jürgen

If you follow the quickstart example from the documentation, doing an unbinned ctlike analysis produces exactly the problem:

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2014-10-30T22:55:20: +=====+
2014-10-30T22:55:20: | Maximum likelihood optimisation |
2014-10-30T22:55:20: +=====+
2014-10-30T22:55:20: >Iteration 0: -logL=44395.244, Lambda=1.0e-03
2014-10-30T22:55:20: Iteration 1: -logL=44395.244, Lambda=1.0e-03, delta=-0.979, max(|grad|)=9.644743 [Sigma:6] (stalled)
2014-10-30T22:55:20: Iteration 2: -logL=44395.244, Lambda=1.0e-02, delta=-0.976, max(|grad|)=8.980893 [Sigma:6] (stalled)
2014-10-30T22:55:20: Iteration 3: -logL=44395.244, Lambda=1.0e-01, delta=-0.997, max(|grad|)=-4.897460 [Index:3] (stalled)
2014-10-30T22:55:20: >Iteration 4: -logL=44392.328, Lambda=1.0e+00, delta=2.916, max(|grad|)=-37.029192 [Sigma:6]
2014-10-30T22:55:20: Iteration 5: -logL=44392.328, Lambda=1.0e-01, delta=-3.884, max(|grad|)=8.963805 [Sigma:6] (stalled)
2014-10-30T22:55:20: >Iteration 6: -logL=44391.437, Lambda=1.0e+00, delta=0.891, max(|grad|)=-19.625468 [Sigma:6]
2014-10-30T22:55:20: Iteration 7: -logL=44391.437, Lambda=1.0e-01, delta=-4.781, max(|grad|)=11.452963 [Sigma:6] (stalled)
2014-10-30T22:55:20: Iteration 8: -logL=44391.437, Lambda=1.0e+00, delta=-4.840, max(|grad|)=13.273568 [Normalization:7] (stalled)
2014-10-30T22:55:20: >Iteration 9: -logL=44391.377, Lambda=1.0e+01, delta=0.060, max(|grad|)=-18.011138 [Sigma:6]
2014-10-30T22:55:20: Iteration 10: -logL=44391.377, Lambda=1.0e+00, delta=-4.888, max(|grad|)=13.655269 [Normalization:7] (stalled)
2014-10-30T22:55:20: >Iteration 11: -logL=44391.325, Lambda=1.0e+01, delta=0.052, max(|grad|)=-16.578132 [Sigma:6]
2014-10-30T22:55:20: Iteration 12: -logL=44391.325, Lambda=1.0e+00, delta=-4.930, max(|grad|)=13.930485 [Normalization:7] (stalled)
2014-10-30T22:55:20: >Iteration 13: -logL=44391.279, Lambda=1.0e+01, delta=0.045, max(|grad|)=-15.303160 [Sigma:6]
2014-10-30T22:55:20: Iteration 14: -logL=44391.279, Lambda=1.0e+00, delta=-4.967, max(|grad|)=14.115798 [Normalization:7] (stalled)
2014-10-30T22:55:20: Iteration 15: -logL=44391.279, Lambda=1.0e+01, delta=-5.070, max(|grad|)=13.352603 [Normalization:7] (stalled)
2014-10-30T22:55:20: >Iteration 16: -logL=44391.275, Lambda=1.0e+02, delta=0.004, max(|grad|)=-15.176887 [Sigma:6]
2014-10-30T22:55:20:
2014-10-30T22:55:20: +=====+
2014-10-30T22:55:20: | Maximum likelihood optimization results |
2014-10-30T22:55:20: +=====+
2014-10-30T22:55:20: === GOptimizerLM ===
2014-10-30T22:55:20: Optimized function value ..: 44391.271
2014-10-30T22:55:20: Absolute precision ..: 0.005
2014-10-30T22:55:20: Optimization status ..: converged
2014-10-30T22:55:20: Number of parameters ..: 9
2014-10-30T22:55:20: Number of free parameters ..: 4
2014-10-30T22:55:20: Number of iterations ..: 6
2014-10-30T22:55:20: Lambda ..: 10
2014-10-30T22:55:20: Maximum log likelihood ..: -44391.271
2014-10-30T22:55:20: Observed events (Nobs) ..: 6127.000
2014-10-30T22:55:20: Predicted events (Npred) ..: 6120.693 (Nobs - Npred = 6.3066)
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When I then changed the spectral slope from the initial value of -2.48 to -2.41 I got:

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2014-10-30T22:55:43: +=====+
2014-10-30T22:55:43: | Maximum likelihood optimisation |
2014-10-30T22:55:43: +=====+
2014-10-30T22:55:43: >Iteration 0: -logL=44400.561, Lambda=1.0e-03
2014-10-30T22:55:43: >Iteration 1: -logL=44396.253, Lambda=1.0e-03, delta=4.308, max(|grad|)=9.645475 [Sigma:6]
2014-10-30T22:55:43: >Iteration 2: -logL=44396.162, Lambda=1.0e-04, delta=0.091, max(|grad|)=-0.336139 [Sigma:6]
2014-10-30T22:55:43: >Iteration 3: -logL=44396.162, Lambda=1.0e-05, delta=0.000, max(|grad|)=0.005603 [Sigma:6]
2014-10-30T22:55:43:
2014-10-30T22:55:43: +=====+
2014-10-30T22:55:43: | Maximum likelihood optimization results |
2014-10-30T22:55:43: +=====+
2014-10-30T22:55:43: === GOptimizerLM ===
2014-10-30T22:55:43: Optimized function value ..: 44396.162
2014-10-30T22:55:43: Absolute precision ..: 0.005
2014-10-30T22:55:43: Optimization status ..: converged
2014-10-30T22:55:43: Number of parameters ..: 9
2014-10-30T22:55:43: Number of free parameters ..: 4
2014-10-30T22:55:43: Number of iterations ..: 3
2014-10-30T22:55:43: Lambda ..: 1e-06
2014-10-30T22:55:43: Maximum log likelihood ..: -44396.162
2014-10-30T22:55:43: Observed events (Nobs) ..: 6127.000
2014-10-30T22:55:43: Predicted events (Npred) ..: 6127.000 (Nobs - Npred = 0.000141861)
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### #3 - 10/31/2014 12:21 AM - Knödseder Jürgen

- Priority changed from High to Urgent

### #4 - 10/31/2014 03:45 PM - Knödseder Jürgen

- Status changed from New to Feedback

- Assigned To set to Knödseder Jürgen

- % Done changed from 0 to 90

Allowing to continue iterations in case of a slight log-likelihood decrease solves the issue. I did this allow already before, but the threshold was set to 1e-6, hence a very tiny decrease. Now I allow for a likelihood decrease one 1.0 which may help to get out of a local minimum that hampers convergence. I added for this purpose an `accept_dec()` method to `GOptimizerLM` that allows for a user adjustment of the threshold (by default set to 1.0). Below the clike results with this new approach:

```
2014-10-31T14:45:29: +=====+
2014-10-31T14:45:29: | Maximum likelihood optimisation |
2014-10-31T14:45:29: +=====+
2014-10-31T14:45:29: >Iteration 0: -logL=44395.244, Lambda=1.0e-03
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Iteration 1: -logL=44396.223, Lambda=1.0e-03, delta=-0.979, max(|grad|)=9.644743 [Sigma:6] (stalled)
2014-10-31T14:45:29: >Iteration 2: -logL=44396.162, Lambda=1.0e-02, delta=0.061, max(|grad|)=-0.309683 [Normalization:7]
2014-10-31T14:45:29: >Iteration 3: -logL=44396.162, Lambda=1.0e-03, delta=0.000, max(|grad|)=-0.008931 [Index:3]
2014-10-31T14:45:29:
2014-10-31T14:45:29: +=====+
2014-10-31T14:45:29: | Maximum likelihood optimization results |
2014-10-31T14:45:29: +=====+
2014-10-31T14:45:29: === GOptimizerLM ===
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Optimized function value ...: 44396.162
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Absolute precision .....: 0.005
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Acceptable function decrease : 1
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Optimization status .....: converged
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Number of parameters .....: 9
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Number of free parameters ..: 4
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Number of iterations .....: 3
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Lambda .....: 0.0001
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Maximum log likelihood ....: -44396.162
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Observed events (Nobs) ...: 6127.000
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Predicted events (Npred) ..: 6127.000 (Nobs - Npred = 0.000303534)
2014-10-31T14:45:29: === GModels ===
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Number of models .....: 2
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Number of parameters .....: 9
2014-10-31T14:45:29: === GModelSky ===
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Name .....: Crab
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Instruments .....: all
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Instrument scale factors ..: unity
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Observation identifiers ...: all
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Model type .....: PointSource
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Model components .....: "SkyDirFunction" * "PowerLaw" * "Constant"
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Number of parameters .....: 6
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Number of spatial par's ...: 2
2014-10-31T14:45:29: RA .....: 83.6331 [-360,360] deg (fixed,scale=1)
2014-10-31T14:45:29: DEC .....: 22.0145 [-90,90] deg (fixed,scale=1)
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Number of spectral par's ...: 3
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Prefactor .....: 6.13325e-16 +/- 2.05738e-17 [1e-23,1e-13] ph/cm2/s/MeV (free,scale=1e-16,gradient)
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Index .....: -2.5057 +/- 0.0250818 [-0,-5] (free,scale=-1,gradient)
2014-10-31T14:45:29: PivotEnergy .....: 300000 [10000,1e+09] MeV (fixed,scale=1e+06,gradient)
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Number of temporal par's ...: 1
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Constant .....: 1 (relative value) (fixed,scale=1,gradient)
2014-10-31T14:45:29: === GCTAModelRadialAcceptance ===
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Name .....: Background
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Instruments .....: CTA
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Instrument scale factors ..: unity
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Observation identifiers ...: all
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Model type .....: "Gaussian" * "FileFunction" * "Constant"
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Number of parameters .....: 3
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Number of radial par's ....: 1
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Sigma .....: 3.04429 +/- 0.0330227 [0.01,10] deg2 (free,scale=1,gradient)
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Number of spectral par's ...: 1
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Normalization .....: 0.996767 +/- 0.0175227 [0,1000] (free,scale=1,gradient)
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Number of temporal par's ...: 1
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Constant .....: 1 (relative value) (fixed,scale=1,gradient)
2014-10-31T14:45:29:
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2014-10-31T14:45:29: +=====+  
2014-10-31T14:45:29: | Save results |  
2014-10-31T14:45:29: +=====+  
2014-10-31T14:45:29:  
2014-10-31T14:45:29: Application "ctlike" terminated after 2 wall clock seconds, consuming 0.255421 seconds of CPU time.

#### #5 - 10/31/2014 03:50 PM - Knödlseeder Jürgen

Keep this under feedback to see how this new feature works in real live.

#### #6 - 11/03/2014 09:41 AM - Knödlseeder Jürgen

- % Done changed from 90 to 50

The new behavior leads to a problem when fitting the diffuse model in unbinned mode. Here the output:

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+=====+
| Unbinned maximum likelihood fitting of CTA data |
+=====+
>Iteration 0: -logL=32632.072, Lambda=1.0e-03
>Iteration 1: -logL=32632.022, Lambda=1.0e-03, delta=0.050, max(|grad|)=-70.083938 [Index:7]
Iteration 2: -logL=32632.540, Lambda=1.0e-04, delta=-0.518, max(|grad|)=-30.223946 [Index:2] (stalled)
Iteration 3: -logL=32633.289, Lambda=1.0e-03, delta=-0.749, max(|grad|)=-80.038846 [Index:7] (stalled)
>Iteration 4: -logL=32631.386, Lambda=1.0e-02, delta=1.903, max(|grad|)=-21.672392 [Index:2]
Iteration 5: -logL=32632.256, Lambda=1.0e-03, delta=-0.870, max(|grad|)=-63.668797 [Index:7] (stalled)
>Iteration 6: -logL=32631.334, Lambda=1.0e-02, delta=0.922, max(|grad|)=-21.387280 [Index:2]
Iteration 7: -logL=32632.109, Lambda=1.0e-03, delta=-0.775, max(|grad|)=-60.208218 [Index:7] (stalled)
>Iteration 8: -logL=32631.328, Lambda=1.0e-02, delta=0.781, max(|grad|)=-21.375283 [Index:2]
Iteration 9: -logL=32632.089, Lambda=1.0e-03, delta=-0.761, max(|grad|)=-59.682426 [Index:7] (stalled)
>Iteration 10: -logL=32631.328, Lambda=1.0e-02, delta=0.761, max(|grad|)=-21.378861 [Index:2]
Iteration 11: -logL=32632.086, Lambda=1.0e-03, delta=-0.759, max(|grad|)=-59.619641 [Index:7] (stalled)
>Iteration 12: -logL=32631.328, Lambda=1.0e-02, delta=0.759, max(|grad|)=-21.379756 [Index:2]
Iteration 13: -logL=32632.086, Lambda=1.0e-03, delta=-0.758, max(|grad|)=-59.613251 [Index:7] (stalled)
>Iteration 14: -logL=32631.328, Lambda=1.0e-02, delta=0.758, max(|grad|)=-21.379921 [Index:2]
Iteration 15: -logL=32632.086, Lambda=1.0e-03, delta=-0.758, max(|grad|)=-59.612789 [Index:7] (stalled)
>Iteration 16: -logL=32631.328, Lambda=1.0e-02, delta=0.758, max(|grad|)=-21.379945 [Index:2]
Iteration 17: -logL=32632.086, Lambda=1.0e-03, delta=-0.758, max(|grad|)=-59.612786 [Index:7] (stalled)
>Iteration 18: -logL=32631.328, Lambda=1.0e-02, delta=0.758, max(|grad|)=-21.379949 [Index:2]
Iteration 19: -logL=32632.086, Lambda=1.0e-03, delta=-0.758, max(|grad|)=-59.612795 [Index:7] (stalled)
>Iteration 20: -logL=32631.328, Lambda=1.0e-02, delta=0.758, max(|grad|)=-21.379948 [Index:2]
Iteration 21: -logL=32632.086, Lambda=1.0e-03, delta=-0.758, max(|grad|)=-59.612794 [Index:7] (stalled)
>Iteration 22: -logL=32631.328, Lambda=1.0e-02, delta=0.758, max(|grad|)=-21.379949 [Index:2]
Iteration 23: -logL=32632.086, Lambda=1.0e-03, delta=-0.758, max(|grad|)=-59.612795 [Index:7] (stalled)
>Iteration 24: -logL=32631.328, Lambda=1.0e-02, delta=0.758, max(|grad|)=-21.379949 [Index:2]
Iteration 25: -logL=32632.086, Lambda=1.0e-03, delta=-0.758, max(|grad|)=-59.612797 [Index:7] (stalled)
>Iteration 26: -logL=32631.328, Lambda=1.0e-02, delta=0.758, max(|grad|)=-21.379949 [Index:2]
Iteration 27: -logL=32632.086, Lambda=1.0e-03, delta=-0.758, max(|grad|)=-59.612796 [Index:7] (stalled)
>Iteration 28: -logL=32631.328, Lambda=1.0e-02, delta=0.758, max(|grad|)=-21.379949 [Index:2]
Iteration 29: -logL=32632.086, Lambda=1.0e-03, delta=-0.758, max(|grad|)=-59.612795 [Index:7] (stalled)
>Iteration 30: -logL=32631.328, Lambda=1.0e-02, delta=0.758, max(|grad|)=-21.379949 [Index:2]
Iteration 31: -logL=32632.086, Lambda=1.0e-03, delta=-0.758, max(|grad|)=-59.612795 [Index:7] (stalled)
>Iteration 32: -logL=32631.328, Lambda=1.0e-02, delta=0.758, max(|grad|)=-21.379949 [Index:2]
Iteration 33: -logL=32632.086, Lambda=1.0e-03, delta=-0.758, max(|grad|)=-59.612795 [Index:7] (stalled)
>Iteration 34: -logL=32631.328, Lambda=1.0e-02, delta=0.758, max(|grad|)=-21.379949 [Index:2]
Iteration 35: -logL=32632.086, Lambda=1.0e-03, delta=-0.758, max(|grad|)=-59.612797 [Index:7] (stalled)
>Iteration 36: -logL=32631.328, Lambda=1.0e-02, delta=0.758, max(|grad|)=-21.379949 [Index:2]
Iteration 37: -logL=32632.086, Lambda=1.0e-03, delta=-0.758, max(|grad|)=-59.612796 [Index:7] (stalled)
>Iteration 38: -logL=32631.328, Lambda=1.0e-02, delta=0.758, max(|grad|)=-21.379949 [Index:2]
Iteration 39: -logL=32632.086, Lambda=1.0e-03, delta=-0.758, max(|grad|)=-59.612798 [Index:7] (stalled)
>Iteration 40: -logL=32631.328, Lambda=1.0e-02, delta=0.758, max(|grad|)=-21.379949 [Index:2]
Iteration 41: -logL=32632.086, Lambda=1.0e-03, delta=-0.758, max(|grad|)=-59.612797 [Index:7] (stalled)
>Iteration 42: -logL=32631.328, Lambda=1.0e-02, delta=0.758, max(|grad|)=-21.379949 [Index:2]
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Model type .....: DiffuseSource  
 Model components .....: "SpatialMap" \* "PowerLaw" \* "Constant"  
 Number of parameters .....: 5  
 Number of spatial par's ...: 1  
   Prefactor .....: 1 [0.001,1000] (fixed,scale=1,gradient)  
 Number of spectral par's ...: 3  
   Prefactor .....: 5.62221e-16 +/- 1.83243e-16 [1e-23,1e-13] ph/cm2/s/MeV (free,scale=1e-16,gradient)  
   Index .....: -2.42874 +/- 0.197857 [-0,-5] (free,scale=-1,gradient)  
   PivotEnergy .....: 300000 [10000,1e+09] MeV (fixed,scale=1e+06,gradient)  
 Number of temporal par's ...: 1  
   Constant .....: 1 (relative value) (fixed,scale=1,gradient)  
 === GCTAModelRadialAcceptance ===  
 Name .....: Background  
 Instruments .....: CTA  
 Instrument scale factors ...: unity  
 Observation identifiers ...: all  
 Model type .....: "Gaussian" \* "PowerLaw" \* "Constant"  
 Number of parameters .....: 5  
 Number of radial par's ....: 1  
   Sigma .....: 3.03361 +/- 0.0409843 [0.01,10] deg2 (free,scale=1,gradient)  
 Number of spectral par's ...: 3  
   Prefactor .....: 6.45749e-05 +/- 3.81354e-06 [0,0.001] ph/cm2/s/MeV (free,scale=1e-06,gradient)  
   Index .....: -1.83205 +/- 0.0330376 [-0,-5] (free,scale=-1,gradient)  
   PivotEnergy .....: 1e+06 [10000,1e+09] MeV (fixed,scale=1e+06,gradient)  
 Number of temporal par's ...: 1  
   Constant .....: 1 (relative value) (fixed,scale=1,gradient)  
 Elapsed time .....: 5.560 sec

**#7 - 11/03/2014 09:43 AM - Knödlseher Jürgen**

From iteration 13 on the algorithm enters obviously an oscillation between improvement and worsening of the logL without any net improvement in the long run.

**#8 - 11/03/2014 09:14 PM - Knödlseher Jürgen**

- % Done changed from 50 to 100

To prevent the problem, I limited the maximum number of allowed function decreases to 3. Hope that this is well adapted to real life situations.

**#9 - 06/29/2015 11:16 PM - Knödseder Jürgen**

- *Status changed from Feedback to Closed*

So far no problems encountered anymore, close now.