# ctools - Bug #1850

# ctbin fails with segmentation fault

08/29/2016 02:56 PM - Mayer Michael

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## Description

I realised that in the current version of ctbin, we get a segmentation fault when running on an observation container with different energy thresholds.

The problem occurs in line ctbin.cpp:.526, where we query for the usage of the energy bin, depending on the event energy. The variable iebin is not checked before checking usage[iebin]. However, in case the cube is only a subset of the complete energy range, an event energy may be outside the cube energy range. Consequently the line before

int iebin = m ebounds.index(event->energy());

can result in iebin=-1. Therefore, we need to add a check and replace the if statement by:

```
if (iebin == -1 || !usage[iebin]) {
   num_outside_ebds++;
   continue;
}
```

Note: we need to make sure that the first part of the condition is evaluated first. I recall we had some issues with the order how c++ executes the || statements.

## History

#### #1 - 08/31/2016 10:25 AM - Mayer Michael

This problem can be reproduced by changing the energy range of one of the ctbin unit tests to e.g. 0.5-20 TeV instead of using 0.1-100 TeV throughout the tests.

### #2 - 08/31/2016 01:41 PM - Mayer Michael

- Status changed from New to Pull request
- Assigned To changed from Knödlseder Jürgen to Mayer Michael

I fixed the problem using the above solution. I also added an additional unit test for ctbin with a different energy range (which would have failed before).

To avoid merging conflicts, I added the changes also on branch 1846-use-ctobservation-base-class (which is the same as for #1846).

### #3 - 09/26/2016 10:03 AM - Knödlseder Jürgen

- Status changed from Pull request to Closed

Merged into devel.

### #4 - 03/03/2017 10:52 AM - Knödlseder Jürgen

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