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Model Building with Non-Parametric and Parametric Components for Partial Wave Analysis

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NIFTy[1], a probabilistic programming framework developed for astrophysics, has recently been adapted to be used in partial wave analyses (PWA) at the COMPASS [2] experiment located in CERN. A non-parametric model, described as a correlated field, is used to characterize kinematically-smooth complex-binned amplitudes. Parametric models, like a Breit-Wigner distribution, can also be mixed in. This method is being investigated for use in the GlueX experiment located in Jefferson Lab.

I will introduce iftpwa[3], a flexible model-building framework that can construct and interfere both parametric and non-parametric amplitudes. A single configuration file is used to build a model and describe the optimization procedure resulting in a variationally approximated posterior distribution. This framework is designed to be modular which provides an avenue for intercollaboration use and development.

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