

# Astropy models and fitting

If you need to do least square fitting for data to a model a good place to start is astropy's modeling and fitting code.

## Packages being used

- astropy : for modeling and fitting
- matplotlib : for plotting

## Relevant documentation

- astropy : <http://docs.astropy.org/en/stable/modeling/index.html>

```
In [1]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from astropy.modeling import models, fitting
import mpl_style
%matplotlib inline
plt.style.use(mpl_style.style1)
```

## 1-D model fitting

For an example lets look at the problem of fitting a 1-D model to a spectral line. First we need to create some fake data:

```
In [2]: x = np.linspace(-5., 5., 200)
y = 3 * np.exp(-0.5 * (x - 1.3)**2 / 0.8**2)
y += np.random.normal(0., 0.2, x.shape)
```

## A trapezoid model

```
In [3]: t_init = models.Trapezoid1D(amplitude=1.0, x_0=0.1, slope=0.5)
fit_t = fitting.LevMarLSQFitter()
t = fit_t(t_init, x, y)
print(t)
```

Model: Trapezoid1D

Inputs: ('x',)

Outputs: ('y',)

Model set size: 1

Parameters:

amplitude

x\_0

width

slope

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3.0803249716454713 1.3044080734752705 0.19424400621933244 1.7927316237356  
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## A Gaussian model

In [4]:

```
g_init = models.Gaussian1D(amplitude=1., mean=0, stddev=1.)  
fit_g = fitting.LevMarLSQFitter()  
g = fit_g(g_init, x, y)  
print(g)
```

Model: Gaussian1D

Inputs: ('x',)

Outputs: ('y',)

Model set size: 1

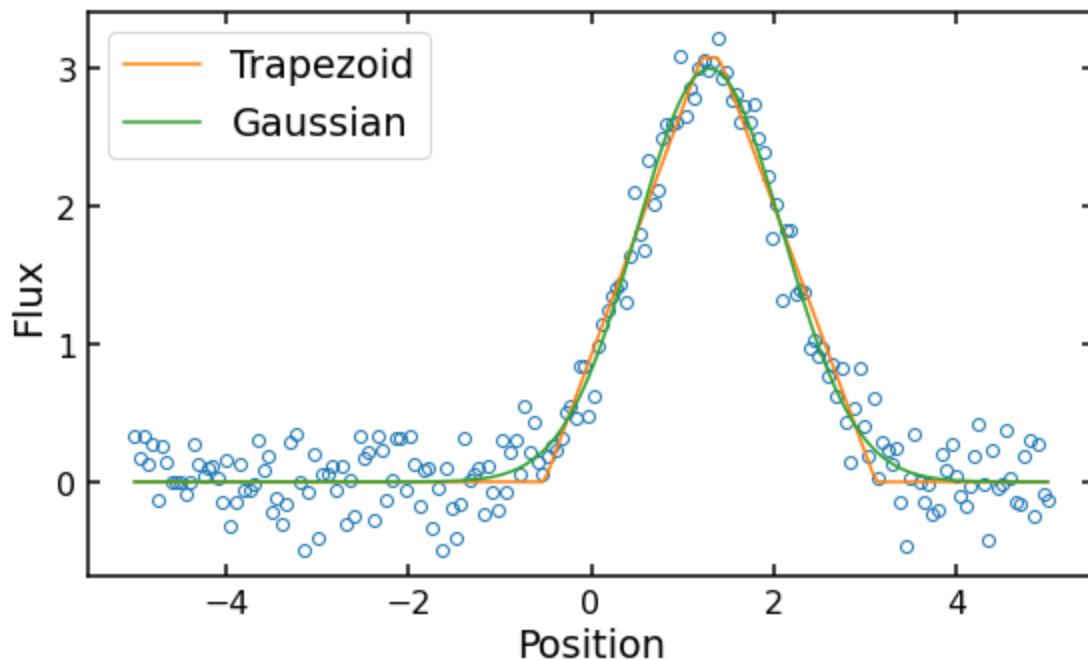
Parameters:

amplitude	mean	stddev
3.000747157348881	1.2969418885855362	0.7996586547245912

## Plotting the results

In [5]:

```
plt.figure(1, figsize=(8,5))  
plt.plot(x, y, 'o', mfc='none')  
plt.plot(x, t(x), label='Trapezoid')  
plt.plot(x, g(x), label='Gaussian')  
plt.xlabel('Position')  
plt.ylabel('Flux')  
plt.legend(loc=2)  
plt.tight_layout()
```



## Compound models

Models can also be 'added' together before fitting. To demonstrate lets make a new dataset

made up to two Gaussians

In [6]:

```
np.random.seed(42)
g1 = models.Gaussian1D(1, 0, 0.2)
g2 = models.Gaussian1D(2.5, 0.5, 0.1)
x = np.linspace(-1, 1, 200)
y = g1(x) + g2(x) + np.random.normal(0., 0.2, x.shape)
```

## Make the model

The model can be 'added' just like arrays:

In [7]:

```
gg_init = models.Gaussian1D(1, 0, 0.1) + models.Gaussian1D(2, 0.5, 0.1)
fit_gg = fitting.SLSQPLSQFitter()
gg = fit_gg(gg_init, x, y)
print(gg)
```

```
Optimization terminated successfully   (Exit mode 0)
      Current function value: 6.832859352651364
      Iterations: 15
      Function evaluations: 128
      Gradient evaluations: 15
```

Model: CompoundModel

Inputs: ('x',)

Outputs: ('y',)

Model set size: 1

Expression: [0] + [1]

Components:

[0]: <Gaussian1D(amplitude=0.98118974, mean=0.00597661, stddev=0.20738563)>

[1]: <Gaussian1D(amplitude=2.48566491, mean=0.5041208, stddev=0.10000035)>

Parameters:

amplitude_0	mean_0	...	stddev_1
0.9811897362310932	0.005976606899196926	...	0.10000035342588433

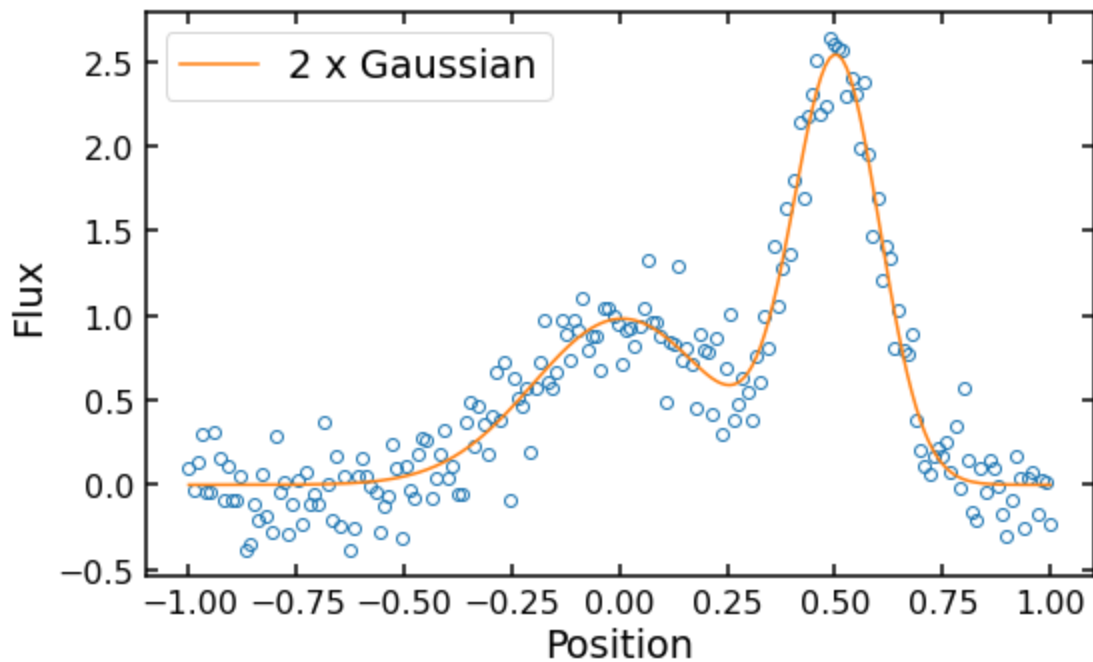
/mnt/lustre/shared\_python\_environment/DataLanguages/lib/python3.8/site-packages/scipy/optimize/optimize.py:282: RuntimeWarning: Values in x were outside bounds during a minimize step, clipping to bounds

warnings.warn("Values in x were outside bounds during a "

## Plot the result

In [8]:

```
plt.figure(2, figsize=(8, 5))
plt.plot(x, y, 'o', mfc='none')
plt.plot(x, gg(x), label='2 x Gaussian')
plt.xlabel('Position')
plt.ylabel('Flux')
plt.legend(loc=2)
plt.tight_layout()
```



## Astropy 's models

Astropy has a large number of 1- and 2-D models built in. Check out [https://docs.astropy.org/en/stable/modeling/index.html#module-astropy.modeling.functional\\_models](https://docs.astropy.org/en/stable/modeling/index.html#module-astropy.modeling.functional_models) for a full list. If the model you are looking for is not built in, you can always define your own: <https://docs.astropy.org/en/stable/modeling/new-model.html>.

## Limitations

- Uses OLS (or similar) to maximize an objective function (and all the assumptions about the data that go into this, e.g. Gaussian errors)
- Cov of fit only returned for some fitters (found on the `fitter.fit_info()` method)

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