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SUMMARY

Research scientist with a Ph.D. in Physics and a robust background in applying machine-learning concepts to complex datasets in astrophysics. Extensive work utilizing Python, C/C++, and more to develop software tools which have shown to be significant contributions to the scientific community. Experienced with the entire data science life cycle: identifying problems, data wrangling, and model deployment, evaluation, and maintenance.

EDUCATION

- **Ph.D. in Physics** (GPA: 3.92)
July 2024, *University of Oklahoma*
[Dissertation on SHAREOK](#)
- **Professional Certificate, Machine Learning**
Ongoing, IBM
- **Professional Certificate, Data Science** ([View](#))
Aug. 2024, *IBM*
- **B.S. in Astrophysics** (GPA: 3.91)
May 2017, *University of Oklahoma*

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming:	Platforms:	Technologies:
Python, C/C++, C#, SQL, Bash, Fortran, IDL, Make/Makefiles, CMake	Linux/UNIX, Windows	Git (Version Control), L ^A T _E X, RStudio, Microsoft Office, Mathematica, IRAF
Experience with Python Libraries:		
NumPy pandas scikit-learn matplotlib SciPy Astropy Tensorflow GPy		
Data Science Skills:		
Machine Learning Data Wrangling Statistics Data Analysis Data Visualization Model Evaluation Regression Classification Parameter Optimization Cluster Analysis Dimensionality Reduction		

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Graduate Research Assistant** July 2019 – Present
University of Oklahoma, Advised by Dr. Eddie Baron Norman, OK
 - **Develop Python software** to implement **machine-learning** techniques to **model** the behavior of supernovae.
 - Perform thorough **preprocessing**, **standardization**, and **feature engineering** of spectroscopic data.
 - Conduct detailed **statistical analyses**, resulting in two **publications** in a peer-reviewed journal (ApJ).
 - **Collaborate** with leading researchers from several other universities and facilities around the world (CSP, POISE).
 - **Present** results to peers and collaborators at meetings and conferences.
 - **Synthesize models** in a **supercomputing** environment with **Slurm** scripts using PHOENIX radiative transfer code.
- **Undergraduate Research Assistant** June 2015 – May 2017
University of Oklahoma, Advised by Dr. John Wisniewski Norman, OK
 - **Calibrated** observed data by removing multiple sources of noise from raw FITS images of stars using IRAF.
 - **Modeled** the observed light profile of stars on images using IRAF to calculate their brightness values.
 - Created Python and IDL scripts needed to **analyze data** and propagate errors derived from observations.
 - Conducted multiple remote **observations** at the Apache Point Observatory to obtain more raw data for analysis.
 - **Presented results** at the American Astronomical Society conference.

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

- **Rad1D**: A 1D radiative transfer code written in C++ featuring a Python wrapper for easy implementation into Python for analysis and plotting. This program converges a solution to wavelength-dependent radiative transfer equations, which describes how light behaves as it passes through a medium as a function of optical depth.
- **Hydro1D**: A 1D hydrodynamical code written primarily in C++ with some Python additions. This program models the fluid dynamics of a massive ($10 M_{\odot}$) star undergoing a collapse and a shock event, which leads to a core-collapse supernova.

PUBLICATIONS

First-Authored Papers:

- **Burrow, Anthony**, Baron, E., Burns, Christopher R., et al. (2024). *Extrapolation of Type Ia Supernova Spectra into the Near-Infrared Using PCA*. ApJ , doi: [10.3847/1538-4357/ad3c45](https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/ad3c45)
- **Burrow, Anthony**, Baron, E., Ashall, C., et al. (2020). *Carnegie Supernova Project: Classification of Type Ia Supernovae*. ApJ , doi: [10.3847/1538-4357/abafa2](https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/abafa2)

Relevant Co-Authored Papers:

- DerKacy, James M., ..., **Burrow, Anthony**, et al. (2024). *JWST MIRI/Medium Resolution Spectrograph (MRS) Observations and Spectral Models of the Underluminous Type Ia Supernova 2022xkq*. ApJ , doi: [10.3847/1538-4357/ad0b7b](https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/ad0b7b)
- Shahbandeh, Melissa, ..., **Burrow, Anthony**, et al. (2024). *JWST NIRSpec+MIRI Observations of the nearby Type IIP supernova 2022acko*. arXiv e-prints , doi: [10.48550/arXiv.2401.14474](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2401.14474)
- Yarbrough, Zach, ..., **Burrow, Anthony**, et al. (2023). *Direct analysis of the broad-line SN 2019ein: connection with the core-normal SN 2011fe*. MNRAS , doi: [10.1093/mnras/stad758](https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/stad758)
- DerKacy, J. M., ..., **Burrow, Anthony**, et al. (2023). *JWST Low-resolution MIRI Spectral Observations of SN 2021aefx: High-density Burning in a Type Ia Supernova*. ApJ , doi: [10.3847/2041-8213/acb8a8](https://doi.org/10.3847/2041-8213/acb8a8)
- Burns, C., ..., **Burrow, Anthony**, et al. (2021). *Introducing POISE: Precision Observations of Infant Supernova Explosions*. ATel

TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS

- **POISE Collaboration Meeting, August 2023**: *Extrapolation of Type Ia Spectra into the Near-Infrared Using PCA*; a final discussion leading to [Burrow et al. \(2024\)](https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/ad3c45).
- **POISE Collaboration Meeting, July 2022**: *Extrapolation of Type Ia Spectra into the Near-Infrared Using PCA*; the beginning of the project leading to [Burrow et al. \(2024\)](https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/ad3c45).
- **CSP Collaboration Workshop, September 2020**: *Carnegie Supernova Project: Classification of Type Ia Supernovae*; a presentation of the publication by [Burrow et al. \(2020\)](https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/abafa2).
- **American Astronomical Society Winter Conference, January 2017**: Poster presentation highlighting my undergraduate research.
- **OU REU Program, Summer 2015**: Several presentations describing the results of my undergraduate research during this program.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Graduate Teaching Assistant** Aug. 2019 – Dec. 2021
University of Oklahoma Norman, OK
 - Provide lectures and guide group discussions on topics in-class to undergraduate students in Introductory Astronomy and Physics courses.
 - Lead students with hands-on operation of telescopes during astronomy labs.
 - Grading and evaluation for higher-level undergraduate astronomy courses, such as Galaxies & Cosmology and Stellar Astrophysics.

AWARDS

- **Avenir Foundation Graduate Student Fellowship:**
Spring 2022, Summer 2022; *University of Oklahoma*
- **Provost's Certificate of Distinction in Teaching:**
Fall 2019; *University of Oklahoma*
- **Award for Outstanding Scholarship by a Graduating Senior:**
May 2017; *University of Oklahoma Homer L. Dodge Department of Physics and Astronomy*
- **William Schriever Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Physics & Astronomy:**
2014-2015; *University of Oklahoma*

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

- **Machine Learning:** (See [repository](#).)
Discusses advanced statistical techniques and machine learning concepts such as:
 - Regression Analysis
 - Cluster Analysis
 - Kernel Density Estimation
 - Gaussian Processes
 - Probabilistic Classification
 - Neural Networks
- **Numerical Methods:** (See [repository](#).)
Discusses the most common problems that arise in computation and methods to address them, such as root-solving, solving systems of equations, and numerically solving ordinary and partial differential equations. This course also provides an introduction to high-performance computing, describing the architecture of modern supercomputing and giving practice with parallelization of computation using interfaces such as MPI and OpenMP.
- **Stellar Atmospheres:**
Largely focuses on understanding the physics of light propagating through a medium by solving mathematically complex systems of equations that describe radiative transfer, which are only solvable numerically in application. This is a fundamental approach to understanding and modeling spectra observed from astronomical objects.
- **Core & Advanced Physics Courses:**
An assortment of courses that allow for the fundamental understanding of physics at the post-graduate level, including Classical Mechanics, Statistical Mechanics, Quantum Mechanics, and Electrodynamics, and classes covering advanced topics in physics, including Quantum Mechanics of Atoms and General Relativity.