Anthony Burrow

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Education

- **Ph.D. in Physics**; *GPA: 3.92* — Aug. 2019 – July 2024
  University of Oklahoma; Dissertation on SHAREOK — *Norman, OK*
- **B.S. in Astrophysics**; *GPA: 3.91* — Aug. 2014 – May. 2017
  University of Oklahoma — *Norman, OK*

Technical Skills

Programming
Python, C/C++, C#, SQL, Bash, Fortran, IDL, Make/Makefiles, CMake

Platforms
Linux/UNIX, Windows

Technologies
Git (Version Control), LaTeX, RStudio, Microsoft Office, Mathematica, IRAF

Experience with Python Libraries

NumPy	SciPy	scikit-learn	Astropy	Tensorflow	pandas
matplotlib	Jupyter	Cython	pybind11	GPy	george

Strengths
Data Analysis ∘ Data Visualization ∘ Cluster Analysis ∘ Classification ∘ Hierarchical Bayesian Modeling
Statistics ∘ Machine Learning ∘ Interpolation & Extrapolation ∘ Numerical Computation
Software Development ∘ Unit Testing ∘ Debugging ∘ Scripting ∘ Automation ∘ Optimization

Research Experience

- **Graduate Research Assistant** — July 2019 – Present
  University of Oklahoma, Advised by Dr. Eddie Baron — *Norman, OK*

  My research focuses on a statistical treatment of observations of Type Ia supernovae (SNe Ia). As a result, I identified correlations between many spectroscopic and photometric properties of these supernovae, which will lead to the enhancement of supernova models all around the scientific community.

  - **Develop Python software** to implement several **machine-learning** techniques to **model** the behavior of SNe Ia.
  - **Statistically analyze data**, resulting in two first-author **publications** and a dissertation that illustrate the effectiveness of my results in performing **classifications** and **predictions**.
  - Work in conjunction with the Precision Observations of Infant Supernova Explosions (POISE), a larger **collaboration** between several other universities and facilities around the world.
  - Utilize the `PHOENIX` radiative transfer code in a **supercomputing** environment with **Slurm** workload management scripts to generate synthetic spectrum **models** to better understand the diversity of SNe Ia.

  Products:

  - SNEx (Python): Spectrum **extrapolation** into the near-infrared using PCA (Burrow et al., 2024).
  - Spextractor (Python): **Fast spectrum-smoothing** using Gaussian processes; spectrum **preprocessing**; other useful features.
  - SNIaDCA (Python): Wrapper for **classifying** SNe Ia with Gaussian mixture models (Burrow et al., 2020).

- **Undergraduate Research Assistant** — June 2015 – May 2017
  University of Oklahoma, Advised by Dr. John Wisniewski — *Norman, OK*

  My work concentrated on the observation, reduction, and analysis of data taken of star clusters to improve our understanding of stars with variable circumstellar disks.

  - **Reduce** observed data by removing multiple sources of noise from raw `FITS` images of star clusters using `IRAF`.
  - **Model** the light profile of stars on images to calculate their PSF photometry using `IRAF`.
  - Create Python and IDL scripts needed to **analyze data** and propagate errors derived from observations.
  - Conduct multiple remote **observations** using a 0.5m telescope at the Apache Point Observatory

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*. arXiv e-prints , doi: 10.48550/arXiv.2404.04724
- **Burrow, Anthony**, Baron, E., Ashall, C., et al. (2020). *Carnegie Supernova Project: Classification of Type Ia Supernovae*. ApJ , doi: 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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).
- **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).
- **CSP Collaboration Workshop, September 2020**: *Carnegie Supernova Project: Classification of Type Ia Supernovae*; a presentation of the publication by Burrow et al. (2020).
- **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 evalution for higher-level undergraduate astronomy ourses, such as Galaxies & Cosmology and Stellar Astrophysics.

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.