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Summary

I am an assistant staff scientist in Dr. Sagi Ben-Ami's group at the Weizmann Institute of Science, and a member of the Research-Associate Program of the Planning and Budgeting Committee of the Israeli Council for Higher Education. I joined the group in January 2023 as a postdoctoral fellow and advanced to my current role in October 2024. Prior to that, I held a postdoctoral fellowship within the same department under an independent **Benozio-prize fellowship**. I earned my Ph.D. in astrophysics in September 2019 with a dissertation titled "Companions and debris around white dwarfs," under the supervision of Prof. Dan Maoz at Tel-Aviv University. During my doctoral studies, I gained valuable experience through a **European Southern Observatory (ESO) Studentship** (with ESO advisor Dr. Ferdinando Patat) and spent an additional couple of years as a visitor at the ESO headquarters in Garching bei München, Germany. In addition, during my Ph.D. I received the **Dan David Scholarship** and the **John Bahcall Astrophysics Graduate Student Prize for Excellence in Research**. I earned my M.Sc. (*magna cum laude*) in physics in December 2013 with a thesis titled "Subjective randomness in quantum mechanics," under the supervision of Prof. Lev Vaidman at Tel-Aviv University. I completed my B.Sc. in physics at Tel-Aviv University in October 2011, and I received my B.A. (*magna cum laude*) in history from The Open University of Israel in July 2009.

I have published **30 scientific papers (16 of which I led as the first or second author, or as a co-supervisor)**. My observational experience spans the ultraviolet to the near-infrared regimes, utilizing both small and large telescopes. I have also led several successful competitive observing proposals, including **nearly 100 hours as a Principal Investigator on ESO's 8.2 m Very Large Telescope (VLT)**, **nearly 100 hours as a Principal Investigator on the Gemini Observatory's 8.1 m telescopes** and **6 orbits as a Principal Investigator on the Hubble Space Telescope (HST)**.

I have also been actively involved in public outreach. I was one of the organizers of the Tel-Aviv University Astronomy Club (TAU AstroClub), a volunteer public outreach organization, wrote articles about physics and astrophysics for the Davidson Institute of Science Education, and continue to deliver outreach lectures to both children and adults in Israel and abroad.

Research Interests

White dwarfs; white dwarfs in binary systems and other compact-object binaries; Type-Ia supernova progenitors; double white dwarfs as gravitational-wave sources; planetary systems and debris around white dwarfs; brown dwarfs; stellar populations; binary evolution; the initial-to-final mass relation; barium stars; the initial mass function.

Positions

Assistant Staff Scientist

WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Staff scientist in the group of Dr. Sagi Ben-Ami

Israel

2024–PRESENT

Postdoctoral Researcher

WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Astrophysics postdoctoral researcher in the group of Dr. Sagi Ben-Ami

Israel

2023–2024

Benozio Prize Fellow

WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Astrophysics postdoctoral fellowship

Israel

2019–2023

Education

Ph.D. in Astrophysics

TEL-AVIV UNIVERSITY

- Advisor: Prof. Dan Maoz
- Thesis: *Companions and Debris Around White Dwarfs*

Israel

2014–2019

2015–2017

ESO STUDENTSHIP

European Southern Observatory, Germany. Advisor: Dr. Ferdinando Patat

M.Sc. in Physics

TEL-AVIV UNIVERSITY

- Advisor: Prof. Lev Vaidman
- Thesis: *Subjective Randomness in Quantum Mechanics*
- *magna cum laude*

Israel

2011–2013

B.Sc. in Physics

TEL-AVIV UNIVERSITY

[Israel](#)

2008–2011

B.A. in History

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY

[Israel](#)

2002–2009

- *magna cum laude*

Scholarships, Honors & Awards

SCHOLARSHIPS

2025–2030	Research-Associate Program , Planning & Budgeting Committee of the Israeli Council for Higher Education	Israel
2019–2023	Benozio Prize Postdoctoral Fellowship , Weizmann Institute of Science	Israel
2017	The Dan David Scholarship , awarded by the Dan David Foundation and the Prize Laureates	Israel
2015–2017	ESO Studentship , European Southern Observatory	Germany

HONORS & AWARDS

2018	Certificate of Merit for Exceptional Contribution to the Tel-Aviv University Astronomy Club , Tel-Aviv University	Israel
2018	The John Bahcall Astrophysics Graduate Student Prize for Excellence in Research , Tel-Aviv University	Israel
2017	The Anne and Maurice Cohen Excellence in Research Award , Tel-Aviv University	Israel
2016	The Getty Excellence in Research Award , Tel-Aviv University	Israel
2008	The Dean's List for Excellence in Studies , The Open University	Israel
2004	The Dean's List for Excellence in Studies , The Open University	Israel

Teaching Experience

Lab Instructor

TEL-AVIV UNIVERSITY

[Israel](#)

2014–2015, 2017–2019

Tutoring in second year undergraduate physics lab classes

Developing a New Lab Experiment

TEL-AVIV UNIVERSITY

[Israel](#)

2018

Developing a new observational astrophysics experiment for second year undergraduate physics lab class

Teaching Assistant

TEL-AVIV UNIVERSITY

[Israel](#)

2014–2015

Teaching assistant in Physics 1 (Newtonian mechanics) for first year engineering students

Lab Instructor

TEL-AVIV UNIVERSITY

[Israel](#)

2011–2012

Tutoring in first year undergraduate physics lab classes

Student Supervision

Students from the Weizmann Institute of Science are co-supervised with Dr. Sagi Ben-Ami.

2025–	Regev Klein , Weizmann Institute of Science	PhD
2023–	Oren Ironi , Weizmann Institute of Science	MSc, PhD
2023–	Param Rekhi , Weizmann Institute of Science	PhD
2023–	Yarin-Meir Shani , Weizmann Institute of Science	MSc, PhD
2023–	Yahel Sofer Rimalt , Weizmann Institute of Science	PhD
2016–2017	Gal Birenbaum , Tel-Aviv University, currently a postdoc at The Open University; supervised an undergrad project	Undergrad

Public Outreach

The Davidson Institute of Science Education

Israel

WRITER AND LECTURER

2022–2024

The Davidson Institute is a non-profit organization aimed at public outreach, which serves as the educational arm of the Weizmann Institute of Science.

- Writing articles about physics and astrophysics for the general audience and kids (in Hebrew). The articles are published on the Davidson Institute website and in the general Israeli media.
- Giving outreach lectures to high-school students from Israel and abroad.
- Mentoring 18-20 year old students in the International Science Summer Institute (ISSI).

TAU AstroClub

Israel

CO-ORGANIZER

2014–2019

The Tel-Aviv University Astronomy Club (AstroClub for short) is a public outreach organization, operated voluntarily by graduate students of the Department of Astrophysics of Tel-Aviv University. The activities are open to the general public, and include monthly lectures given by leading scientists, sidewalk observations, and open days at the Wise Observatory.

- Co-organizing the TAU AstroClub activities.
- Organizing an open day at the Wise Observatory, attended by about 700 visitors.
- Participating in the Hebrew translations of the *Astronomy Picture of the Day* and *Galaxy Zoo*.
- Designing and maintaining the new website of the club.

Scientific Community Service

2025–	Community Member of the LISA Consortium	ESA
2022–2025	Associate Member of the LISA Consortium Texas Tech University/Hamburg Observatory LISA Group; Astrophysics Working Group	ESA
2019–	Referee for <i>The Astrophysical Journal</i> , <i>Astronomy & Astrophysics</i>	
2017	Local Organizing Committee of the Impact of Binaries on Stellar Evolution workshop	ESO Germany
2016–2017	Co-organizer of the ESO Wine and Cheese seminar	ESO Germany
2015–2017	Scientific Assistant for the ESO Observing Programmes Committee (P97, P99 & P100)	ESO Germany

Observational Experience

2016, 2026	Hubble Space Telescope (HST) , 6 orbits as a PI using ACS, and 10 orbits as a Co-I (including Phase II submission) using COS.	Cycles 23, 33
2019–	Gemini Observatory , 92.7 h as a PI and 2 h as a delegated PI using Zorro and ‘Alopeke, 1.4 h as a delegated PI using F2; 2.5 h as a Co-I using GMOS.	Mauna Kea, Hawaii; Cerro Pachón, Chile
2023–	MMT Observatory , A few hours as a Co-I using Binospec.	Mt. Hopkins, Arizona
2015–2021	Very Large Telescope (VLT) , 96.3 h as a PI using UVES; 23 h as a Co-I, using FORS, X-SHOOTER, and HAWKI.	ESO Paranal, Chile
2014–2021	Wise Observatory , Extensive experience (≥ 500 nights, including ≥ 400 nights as an observer) with the 1 m, 0.71 m, and 0.46 m telescopes.	Israel
2015–2023	Las Cumbres Observatory (LCO) , Extensive experience with design and execution of observations with the 1 m network (>1170 h), 0.4 m network (>300 h), and 2 m network (~ 5 h).	LCOGT
2019–2022	Large Binocular Telescope (LBT) , 27.6 h as a Co-I using MODS.	Mt. Graham, Arizona
2017–2020	Southern African Large Telescope (SALT) , ~ 80 h as a Co-I, using the High Resolution Spectrograph (HRS).	South Africa
2019–2020	Gran Telescopio Canarias (GTC) , 12.4 h as a Co-I using OSIRIS.	La Palma, Spain
2016	New Technology Telescope (NTT) , 6 nights as a PI , using ULTRACAM and SofI.	ESO La Silla, Chile
	Archival data , Extensive experience with analysis of photometric and spectroscopic data from publicly available surveys and archives, including <i>K2</i> , <i>Kepler</i> , ESO, SDSS, and <i>Gaia</i> .	

Talks & Seminars

Intermediate-separation white-dwarf binaries in the Gaia era

- 09/2025 **The Golden Age of CVs and Related Objects – VII**, INAF, Italy *Invited*
- 07/2025 **Binary stars in the space era**, Keele University, UK
- 05/2025 **Astrophysics Seminar**, Bar-Ilan University, Israel *Invited*

A hidden population of WDs in Gaia astrometric binaries: insights and the mystery of missing massive WDs

- 07/2024 **EuroWD24: The 23rd European Workshop on White Dwarfs**, Polytechnic University of Catalonia, Spain
- 07/2024 **Astrophysics Seminar**, The Technion, Israel *Invited*
- 06/2024 **Astrophysics Seminar**, The Open University of Israel *Invited*

The SN Ia progenitor problem and its implications to GW observations

- 04/2023 **Lunar Gravitational-Wave Detection**, ICTS Bengaluru, India (online) *Invited*

An irradiated-Jupiter hotter than the Sun

- 09/2023 **IAU G5 Commission (Stellar and Planetary Atmospheres) Talk**, Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias, Spain (online) *Invited*
- 08/2022 **EuroWD22: The 22nd European Workshop on White Dwarfs**, University of Tübingen, Germany (online)

Characterizing the Galactic double white dwarf population

- 11/2022 **KITP Conference: White Dwarfs from Physics to Astrophysics**, UC Santa Barbara, USA (online)
- 07/2022 **Astrophysics Seminar**, University of Sheffield, UK (online) *Invited*
- 04/2022 **Astrophysics Seminar**, Bar-Ilan University, Israel *Invited*
- 07/2021 **O-MESS: Online-Meetings on Evolved Stars and Systems**, (online)
- 03/2021 **KITP Conference: White Dwarfs from Physics to Astrophysics**, UC Santa Barbara, USA (online) *Invited*

Companions and debris around white dwarfs

- 01/2021 **Astrophysics Seminar**, University of Birmingham, UK (online) *Invited*
- 12/2020 **Astrophysics Seminar**, Ben-Gurion University, Israel (online) *Invited*
- 05/2020 **Astrophysics Seminar**, The Technion, Israel (online) *Invited*
- 05/2020 **Astrophysics Seminar**, Bar-Ilan University, Israel (online) *Invited*
- 10/2019 **Gemini Science Talk**, Gemini Observatory, Hawai'i, USA
- 04/2019 **Astrolunch**, The Hebrew University, Israel *Invited*
- 03/2019 **Astrophysics Seminar**, Tel-Aviv University, Israel
- 03/2019 **Group Meeting**, University of Potsdam, Germany

Planets and debris around white dwarfs

- 10/2021 **2nd ULTRASAT workshop**, Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel *Invited*

Are there enough double white dwarf mergers to explain the Milky Way's SN Ia rate?

- 02/2021 **The 66th Annual Meeting of the Israel Physical Society**, Israel (online)
- 01/2020 **Astrophysics Department Transient Workshop**, Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel
- 10/2019 **IAU Symposium 357: White Dwarfs as Probes of Fundamental Physics and Tracers of Planetary, Stellar & Galactic Evolution**, Hilo, Hawai'i, USA
- 07/2019 **The Beginning and Ends of Double White Dwarfs**, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 02/2019 **Milky Way Meeting**, Max Planck Institute for Astronomy, Heidelberg, Germany
- 07/2018 **EuroWD18: The 21st European Workshop on White Dwarfs**, The University of Texas at Austin, Texas, USA
- 05/2018 **ESO Informal Discussion**, ESO Garching, Germany
- 02/2018 **Observational Signatures of Type Ia Supernova Progenitors III**, Lorentz Center, The Netherlands

10/2017 **Transients from Compact Objects**, Peking University, China
 07/2017 **The Impact of Binaries on Stellar Evolution**, ESO Garching, Germany

Once in a blue moon: detection and explanation of “bluing” during debris transits in WD 1145+017

01/2019 **Astronomical Time Series 2019**, Max Planck Institute for Astronomy, Heidelberg, Germany
 03/2017 **Planetary Systems Beyond the Main Sequence II**, The Technion, Israel
 07/2016 **EuroWD16: The 20th European Workshop on White Dwarfs**, University of Warwick, UK

The measure of existence of a quantum world and the Sleeping Beauty problem

06/2015 **Quantum Optics Seminar**, Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics, Germany
 06/2013 **Particle Physics Seminar**, Tel-Aviv University, Israel

Conferences & Schools Attended

09/2025	The Golden Age of CVs and Related Objects – VII , INAF, Italy	<i>invited talk</i>
07/2025	Binary stars in the space era , Keele University, UK	<i>talk</i>
07/2024	EuroWD24: The 23rd European Workshop on White Dwarfs , Polytechnic University of Catalonia, Spain	<i>talk</i>
04/2023	Lunar Gravitational-Wave Detection , ICTS Bengaluru, India (online)	<i>invited talk</i>
11/2022	KITP Conference: White Dwarfs from Physics to Astrophysics , UC Santa Barbara, USA (online)	<i>talk</i>
08/2022	EuroWD22: The 22nd European Workshop on White Dwarfs , The University of Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany (online)	<i>talk</i>
07/2021	Physics Days at Warwick: Summer workshop on white dwarfs and related objects , University of Warwick, UK (online)	
03/2021	KITP Conference: White Dwarfs from Physics to Astrophysics , UC Santa Barbara, USA (online)	<i>invited talk</i>
02/2021	The 66th Annual Meeting of the Israel Physical Society , Israel (online)	<i>talk</i>
10/2019	IAU Symposium 357: White Dwarfs as Probes of Fundamental Physics and Tracers of Planetary, Stellar & Galactic Evolution , Hilo, Hawai’i, USA	<i>talk</i>
07/2019	The Beginning and Ends of Double White Dwarfs Conference + Workshop , Copenhagen, Denmark	<i>talk + workshop invitation</i>
01/2019	Astronomical Time Series 2019 , Max Planck Institute for Astronomy, Heidelberg, Germany	<i>talk</i>
09/2018	The 13th IMPRS-HD Summer School: Gaia Data & Science , The Max Planck Society and the University of Heidelberg, Germany	
07/2018	EuroWD18: The 21st European Workshop on White Dwarfs , The University of Texas at Austin, Texas, USA	<i>talk</i>
	Observational Signatures of Type Ia Supernova Progenitors III , Lorentz Center, The Netherlands	<i>talk</i>
02/2018		
12/2017–	The 35th Jerusalem Winter School in Theoretical Physics: The Physics of Astronomical	
01/2018	Transients , The Hebrew University, Israel	<i>poster</i>
10/2017	Transients from Compact Objects , Peking University, China	<i>talk</i>
07/2017	The Impact of Binaries on Stellar Evolution , ESO, Germany	<i>talk</i>
03/2017	Planetary Systems Beyond the Main Sequence II , Technion, Israel	<i>talk</i>
07/2016	EuroWD16: The 20th European Workshop on White Dwarfs , University of Warwick, UK	<i>talk</i>
10/2014	Transients’ Unsolved Mysteries Workshop , Eilat, Israel	
06/2013	Qstart – Physics, Computer Science, Mathematics: Thoughts on Quantum Information , The Hebrew University, Israel	

Refereed Publications

Supervised students are underlined.

MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS

1. **Na'ama Hallakoun***, Sahar Shahaf*, Sagi Ben-Ami, Oren Ironi, Param Rekhi, and Hans-Walter Rix
“IK Pegasi and the Double Merger Path to Type Ia Supernovae”
2026, *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*
***Equal contribution**
<https://doi.org/10.3847/2041-8213/ae38ba>
2. Param Rekhi, Sahar Shahaf, Sagi Ben-Ami, **Na'ama Hallakoun**, Joanna Müller-Horn, Silvia Toonen, and Hans-Walter Rix
“Gaia barium dwarfs and their ostensibly ordinary counterparts”
2026, *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*, 996, L37
<https://doi.org/10.3847/2041-8213/ae286c>
3. Oren Ironi, Sagi Ben-Ami, **Na'ama Hallakoun**, and Sahar Shahaf
“The initial-to-final mass relation of white dwarfs in intermediate-separation binaries”
2025, *The Astrophysical Journal*, 982, 20
<https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/adb5f2>
4. Param Rekhi, Sagi Ben-Ami, **Na'ama Hallakoun**, Sahar Shahaf, Silvia Toonen, and Hans-Walter Rix
“Ba enrichment in Gaia MS+WD binaries: Tracing s-process element production”
2024, *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*, 973, L56
<https://doi.org/10.3847/2041-8213/ad77b9>
5. **Na'ama Hallakoun**, Sahar Shahaf, Tsevi Mazeh, Silvia Toonen, and Sagi Ben-Ami
“A deficit of massive white dwarfs in Gaia astrometric binaries”
2024, *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*, 970, L11
<https://doi.org/10.3847/2041-8213/ad5e63>
6. S. Shahaf*, **N. Hallakoun***, T. Mazeh, S. Ben-Ami, P. Rekhi, K. El-Badry, and S. Toonen
“Triage of the *Gaia* DR3 astrometric orbits. II. A census of white dwarfs”
2024, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 529(4), 3729-3743
***Equal contribution**
<https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/stae773>
7. **Na'ama Hallakoun**, Dan Maoz, Alina G. Istrate, Carles Badenes, Elmé Breedt, Boris T. Gänsicke, Saurabh W. Jha, Bruno Leibundgut, Filippo Mannucci, Thomas R. Marsh, Gijs Nelemans, Ferdinando Patat, and Alberto Rebassa-Mansergas
“An irradiated-Jupiter analogue hotter than the Sun”
2023, *Nature Astronomy*, 7, 1329-1340
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41550-023-02048-z>
8. Valeriya Korol*, **Na'ama Hallakoun***, Silvia Toonen, and Nikolaos Karnesis
“Observationally driven Galactic double white dwarf population for *LISA*”
2022, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 511(4), 5936-5947
***Equal contribution**
<https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/stac415>
9. **Na'ama Hallakoun** and Dan Maoz
“A bottom-heavy initial mass function for the likely-accreted blue-halo stars of the Milky Way”
2021, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 507(1), 398-413
<https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/stab2145>
10. **Na'ama Hallakoun** and Dan Maoz
“Limits on a population of collisional-triples as progenitors of Type-Ia supernovae”
2019, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 490, 657
<https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/stz2535>
11. Siyi Xu, **Na'ama Hallakoun**, Bruce Gary, et al.
“Shallow ultraviolet transits of WD 1145+017”
2019, *The Astronomical Journal*, 157, 255
<https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-3881/ab1b36>
12. Ferdinando Patat and **Na'ama Hallakoun**
“Type Ia supernovae: where are they coming from and where will they lead us?”
2019, in Beccari G., Boffin H. M. J. eds, Cambridge Astrophysics, *The Impact of Binary Stars on Stellar Evolution*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, Chapt. 12, pp 167–180
<https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108553070.014>

13. Dan Maoz, **Na'ama Hallakoun** and Carles Badenes
 "The separation distribution and merger rate of double white dwarfs: improved constraints"
 2018, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society* , 476, 2584
<https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/sty339>
14. **Na'ama Hallakoun**, Dan Maoz, Eric Agol, Warren R. Brown, Patrick Dufour, Jay Farihi, Boris Gänsicke, Mukremin Kilic, Alekzander Kosakowski, Abraham Loeb, Tsevi Mazeh, and Fergal Mullally
 "Periodic optical variability and debris accretion in white dwarfs: a test for a causal connection"
 2018, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society* , 476(1), 933-942
<https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/sty257>
15. **N. Hallakoun**, S. Xu, D. Maoz, T. R. Marsh, V. D. Ivanov, V. S. Dhillon, M. C. P. Bours, S. G. Parsons, P. Kerry, S. Sharma, K. Su, S. Rengaswamy, P. Pravec, P. Kušnirák, H. Kučáková, J. D. Armstrong, C. Arnold, N. Gerard, and L. Vanzì
 "Once in a blue moon: detection of 'bluing' during debris transits in the white dwarf WD 1145+017"
 2017, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society* , 469, 3213
<https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/stx924>
16. Dan Maoz and **Na'ama Hallakoun**
 "The binary fraction, separation distribution, and merger rate of white dwarfs from SPY"
 2017, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society* , 467, 1414
<https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/stx102>
17. **N. Hallakoun**, D. Maoz, M. Kilic, T. Mazeh, A. Gianninas, E. Agol, K. J. Bell, S. Bloemen, W. R. Brown, J. Debes, S. Faigler, I. Kull, T. Kupfer, A. Loeb, B. M. Morris, and F. Mullally
 "SDSS J1152+0248: an eclipsing double white dwarf from the Kepler K2 campaign"
 2016, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society* , 458(1), 845-854
<https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/stw364>
18. Berry Groisman, **Na'ama Hallakoun** and Lev Vaidman
 "The measure of existence of a quantum world and the Sleeping Beauty problem"
 2013, *Analysis* , 73, 695
<https://doi.org/10.1093/analysis/ant072>

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 "DeepSpec: a broad-band $R \sim 650$ spectrograph with multiplexing capabilities"
 2024, in Marshall H. K., Spyromilio J. and Usuda T. eds, Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers (SPIE) Conference Series, *Ground-based and Airborne Instrumentation for Astronomy X* , Proceedings of the SPIE, volume 13094, id. 1309453
<https://doi.org/10.1117/12.3018423>
2. Yahel Sofer Rimalt, Sagi Ben-Ami, Eran Ofek, **Na'ama Hallakoun**, Ido Irani, Oren Ironi, Jani Achren, Alex Bichkovsky, Arie Blumenweig, Ofir Hershko, Hanindy Kuncarayakti, Seppo Mattila, Tsevi Mazeh, Gleb Mikhnevich, David Polishook, and Ofer Yaron
 "HighSpec: a high-resolution spectrograph for the MAST telescope array"
 2024, in Bryant J. J., Motohara K. and Vernet J. R. D. eds, Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers (SPIE) Conference Series, *Ground-based and Airborne Instrumentation for Astronomy X* , Proceedings of the SPIE, volume 13096, id. 130968V
<https://doi.org/10.1117/12.3020206>
3. Y. Shvartzvald, E. Waxman, A. Gal-Yam, E. O. Ofek, S. Ben-Ami, D. Berge, M. Kowalski, R. Bühler, S. Worm, J. E. Rhoads, I. Arcavi, D. Maoz, D. Polishook, N. Stone, B. Trakhtenbrot, M. Ackermann, O. Aharonson, O. Birnholtz, D. Chelouche, D. Guetta, **et al.**
 "ULTRASAT: A wide-field time-domain UV space telescope"
 2024, *The Astrophysical Journal* , 964(1), 74, 29 pp.
<https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/ad2704>
4. S. Ben-Ami, E. O. Ofek, D. Polishook, A. Franckowiak, **N. Hallakoun**, E. Segre, Y. Shvartzvald, N. L. Strotzjohann, O. Yaron, O. Aharonson, I. Arcavi, D. Berge, V. Fallah Ramazani, A. Gal-Yam, S. Garrappa, O. Hershko, G. Nir, S. Ohm, K. Rybicki, I. Sadeh, et al.
 "The Large Array Survey Telescope – Science Goals"
 2023, *Publications of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific* , 135(1050), 085002, 22 pp.
<https://doi.org/10.1088/1538-3873/aceb30>
5. Andrei P. Igoshev, Hagai Perets and **Na'ama Hallakoun**
 "Hyper-runaway and hypervelocity white dwarf candidates in Gaia Data Release 3: possible remnants from Ia/Iax supernova explosions or dynamical encounters"
 2023, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society* , 518(4), 6223-6237
<https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/stac3488>
6. Tsevi Mazeh, Simchon Faigler, Dolev Bashi, Sahar Shahaf, Niv Davidson, Matthew Green, Roy Gomel, Dan Maoz, Amitay Sussholz, Subo Dong, Haotong Zhang, Jifeng Liu, Song Wang, Ali Luo, Zheng Zheng, **Na'ama Hallakoun**, Volker Perdelwitz, David W. Latham, Ignasi Ribas, David Baroch, et al.
 "Probable dormant neutron star in a short-period binary system"

7. [Yahel Sofer Rimalt](#), Sagi Ben Ami, Tsevi Mazeh, Sahar Shahaf, **Na'ama Hallakoun**, and Volker Perdelwitz
“HighSpec: a novel high-resolution narrow band-pass spectrograph”
2022, in Evans C. J., Bryant J. J. and Motohara K. eds, Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers (SPIE) Conference Series, *Ground-based and Airborne Instrumentation for Astronomy IX* , Proceedings of the SPIE, volume 12184, id. 1218459
<https://doi.org/10.1117/12.2631190>
8. Charles D. Kilpatrick, David A. Coulter, Iair Arcavi, Thomas G. Brink, Georgios Dimitriadis, Alexei V. Filippenko, Ryan J. Foley, D. Andrew Howell, David O. Jones, Daniel Kasen, Martin Makler, Anthony L. Piro, César Rojas-Bravo, David J. Sand, Jonathan J. Swift, Douglas Tucker, WeiKang Zheng, Sahar S. Allam, James T. Annis, Juanita Antilen, **et al.**
“The Gravity Collective: A Search for the Electromagnetic Counterpart to the Neutron Star-Black Hole Merger GW190814”
2021, *The Astrophysical Journal* , 923(2), 258, 26 pp.
<https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/ac23c6>
9. Sumit K. Sarbadhicary, Mairead Heiger, Carles Badenes, Cecilia Mateu, Jeffrey A. Newman, Robin Ciardullo, **Na'ama Hallakoun**, Dan Maoz, and Laura Chomiuk
“The RR Lyrae Delay-Time Distribution: A Novel Perspective on Models of Old Stellar Populations”
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