

⇒ MIT (Chandra-HETG group) ⇒ ESTEC

with stops at MPE, UCSD & in Amsterdam

observational X-ray astronomy

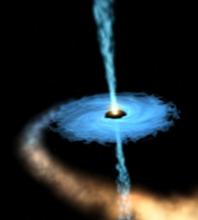
- accretion & jets
- clumpy winds of massive stars
- variability ("timing") from msec to years
- γ- & X-ray polarization

calibration: XMM-pn, 1N-TEGRAL, RXTE

future mission: WG member for Athena, XIPE

Non-astro: public outreach, good food, hiking, cooking, comics, ELINAS (Erlangen Center for Literature and Natural Science) and in general books, books, books

th many thanks to Peter Kretschmar for the photo P.S. My slides are usually NOT this text heavy



the next two vears:

▶ jet-corona connection (INTEGRAL sample)

(high-res. XMM-RGS, Chandra)

▶ jet-disk connection
 (timing; multiwavelength,
 esp. Cyg X-1 giant campaign)
with a side of clumpy O/B companion winds

Galactic X-ray binaries:

Material flows from normal star onto neutron star or black hole

- accretion and ejection processes
- bulk of radiation in X-ray range
- labs for accretion physics
- probes for companion winds
- AGN on fast-forward

big question: how does accretion work? configuration of in- & outflows