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Peter Boorman, new WFI Project Scientist

Peter Boorman, a Postdoctoral Researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics (MPE), has recently been named the **new WFI Project Scientist**, succeeding Arne Rau in this important role.
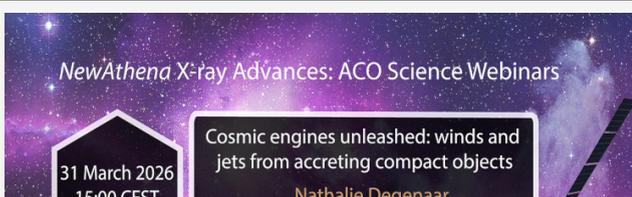
Peter is an expert in accretion onto compact objects, with a particular focus on the growth of supermassive black holes. His research leverages X-ray observations, including broadband spectral modelling and advanced statistical inference from large datasets, to better understand these enigmatic systems.

Congratulations to Peter!

Thanks to Arne Rau for his work as WFI Project Scientist!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to **Arne Rau** for his many years of outstanding service and dedication as WFI Project Scientist to the Athena/NewAthena project and in particular, his support to the *Athena* Community Office. We wish him every success in his new position as a permanent scientist at MPE and look forward to his continued involvement in future NewAthena activities.

Coming NewAthena Science Webinar

On **31 March 2026**, Nathalie Degenaar (University of Amsterdam) will present: **Cosmic engines unleashed: winds and jets from accreting compact objects**.

Further details and connection information are available in the webinars menu.

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Conferences of interest

- Galactic Frontiers 2026: Advancing X-ray Astronomy in a Multiwavelength Universe, Bad Honnef (Germany), 15-18 June 2026 (Abstract deadline: 11/03/2026).
- High Energy Astrophysics and Cosmology in the era of all-sky surveys, Yerevan (Armenia), 15-16 June 2026 (Abstract deadline: 31/03/2026).
- The UK National Astronomy Meeting: The Origin and Growth of Supermassive Black Holes, 20-24 July 2026 (Abstract deadline: 02/04/2026).