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The Athena X-ray observatory

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Athena (the Advanced Telescope for High-Energy Astrophysics) will continue the series of large X-ray observatories inaugurated by Chandra and XMM-Newton, offering transformational capabilities in several key areas. It is the second large-class ESA mission (L2), and it is planned for a launch towards the end of the next decade.

In this talk, the main science objectives of Athena, and its main technical characteristics, will be presented and discussed.

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