



The Hot and Energetic Universe with Athena

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Athena in the ESA CV program

March 2013: call for scientific themes and related mission concepts for ESA's CV L2 (2028) and L3 (2035) slots. *Ad hoc* Senior Survey Committee (SSC) appointed

May 2013: *The Hot and Energetic Universe* theme and the Athena+ mission concept submitted

September 2013: the theme and the mission concept presented at a public conference in Paris together with all other proposals

October 2013: *The Hot and Energetic Universe* and *The Gravitational Universe* themes recommended by SSC for L2 and L3, respectively

November 2013: SSC recommendation endorsed and approved by SPC

December 2013: drop of + in the name. Back to **Athena!**

February 2014: call for missions addressing *The Hot and Energetic Universe* theme

April 2014: **Athena** mission proposal submitted (SPC decision expected in June)

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ATHENA Science working Groups

- The evolution of galaxy groups and clusters (*E. Pointecouteau, T.H. Reiprich et al.*)
- The astrophysics of galaxy groups and clusters with Athena (*S. Ettori, G. W. Pratt, et al.*)
- AGN feedback in galaxy clusters and groups (*J.H. Croston, J.S. Sanders et al.*)
- The missing baryons and the warm-hot intergalactic medium (*J. Kaastra, A. Finoguenov et al.*)
- The formation and growth of the earliest supermassive black holes (*J. Aird, A. Comastri et al.*)
- Understanding the build-up of supermassive black holes and galaxies (*A. Georgakakis, F. Carrera et al.*)
- Astrophysics of feedback in local AGN (*M. Cappi, C. Done, et al.*)
- The close environments of supermassive black holes (*M. Dovciak, G. Matt et al.*)
- Solar system and exoplanets (*G. Branduardi-Raymont, S. Sciortino et al.*)
- Star formation and evolution (*S. Sciortino, G. Rauw et al.*)
- End points of stellar evolution (*C. Motch, J. Wilms et al.*)
- The astrophysics of supernova remnants and the interstellar medium (*A. Decourchelle, E. Costantini et al.*)
- Luminous extragalactic transients (*P. Jonker, P. O'Brien et al.*)