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Maite is an X-ray astronomer at the Instituto de Física de Cantabria (IFCA), CSIC-Universidad de Cantabria in Santander (Spain). She has been working in the processing and analysis of X-ray data since the XMM-Newton launch, back in 1999. Her participation in this mission moved her professional interest to the development of software for astronomical instruments in space missions, being now totally focused on the processing software to be used by the revolutionary X-IFU instrument of the new ESA X-ray observatory, Athena.

Software for astronomy is her first professional passion, but she also loves the science communication activities. She is deeply involved in the PO activities at her institute, from science talks at schools to planet modeling workshops for kids, to tête-à-tête colloquia with visual artists of science.

With this background she enjoys a lot being the ATHENA2XMM work package 10 (Communication) leader, always thinking of new initiatives to communicate the results of the project, the challenging science behind them and the great scientists carrying the research. In particular, she is very committed with the visibility of the women scientists and she works actively to bring a gender perspective to all the activities of the project.