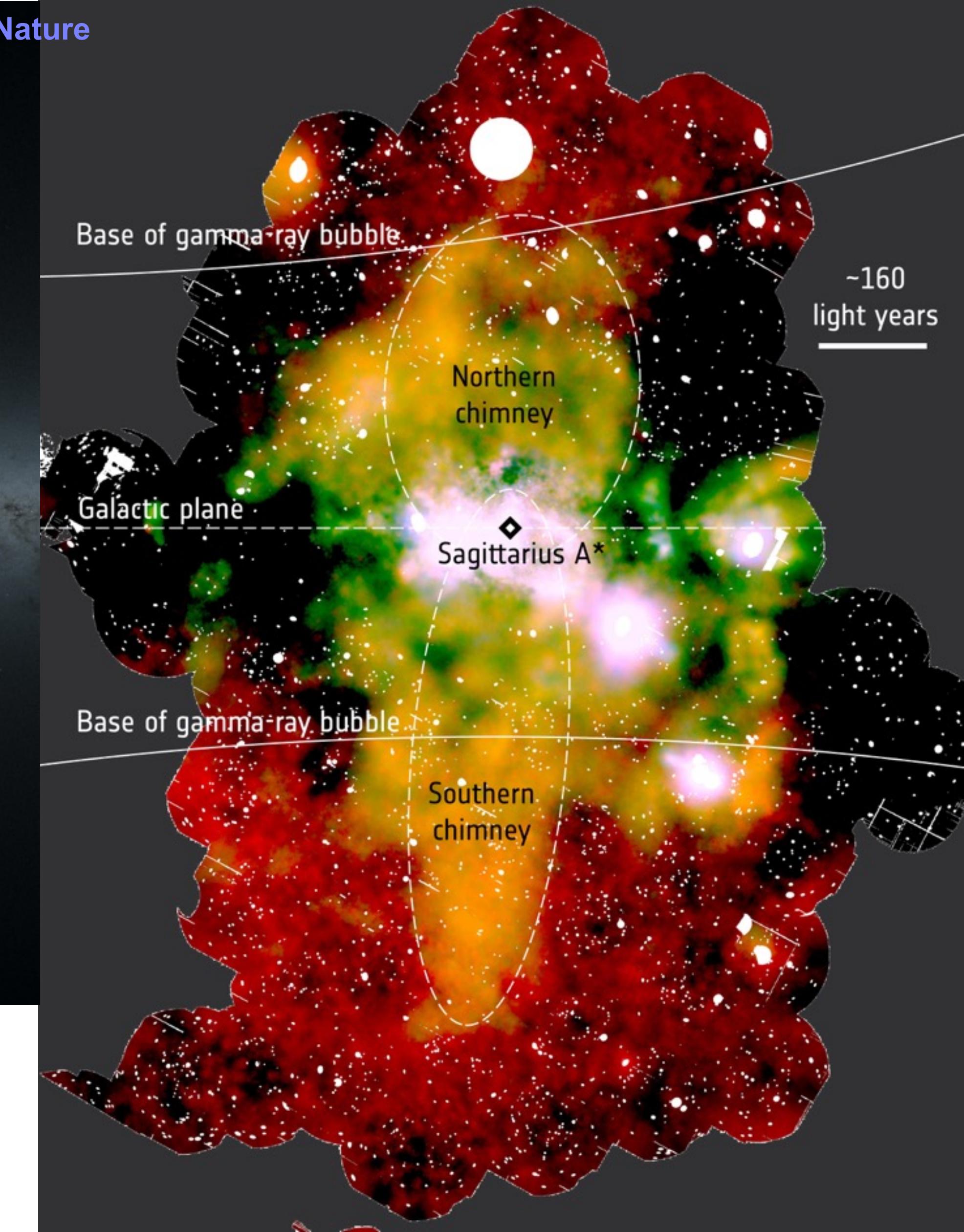
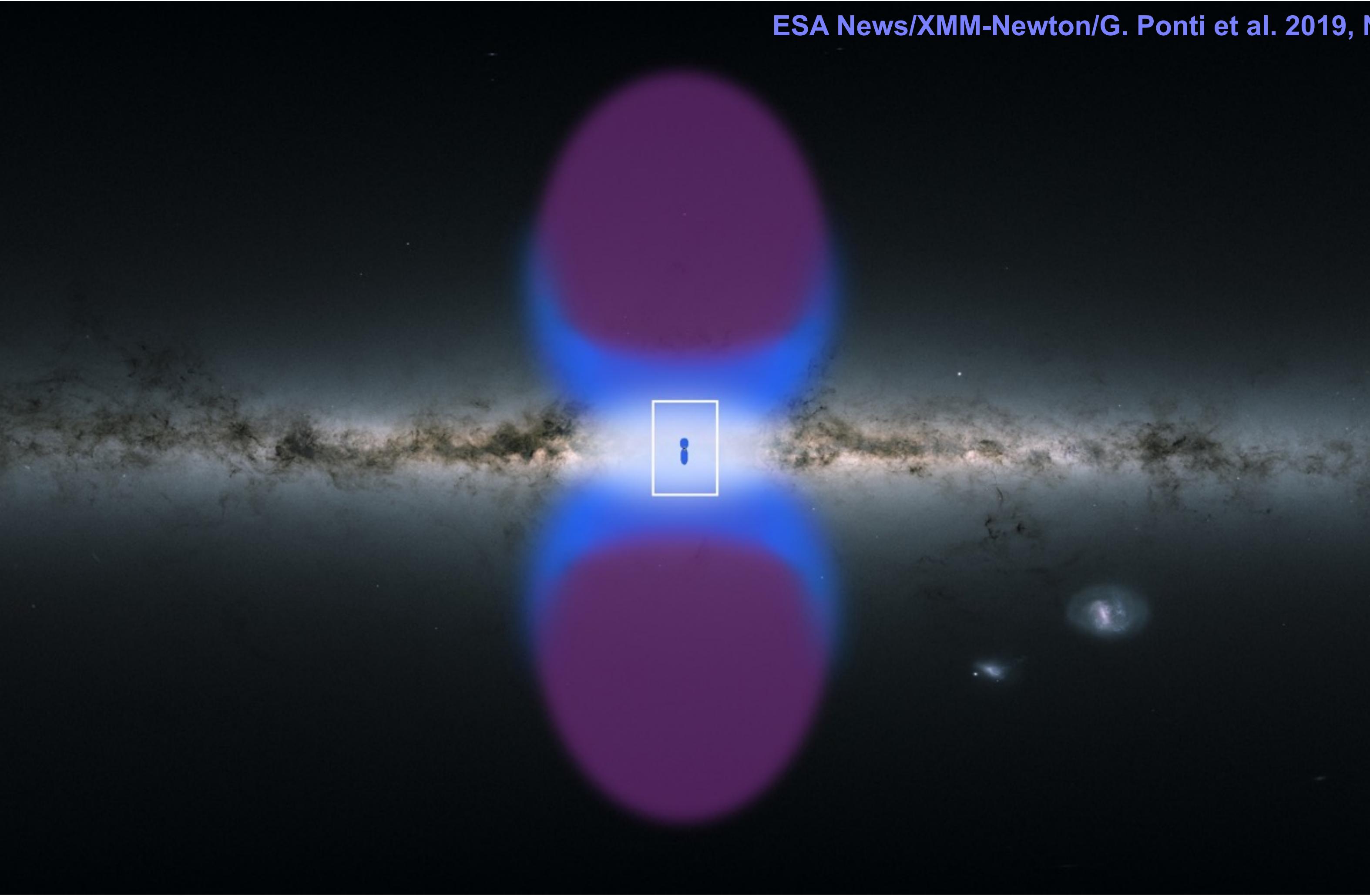


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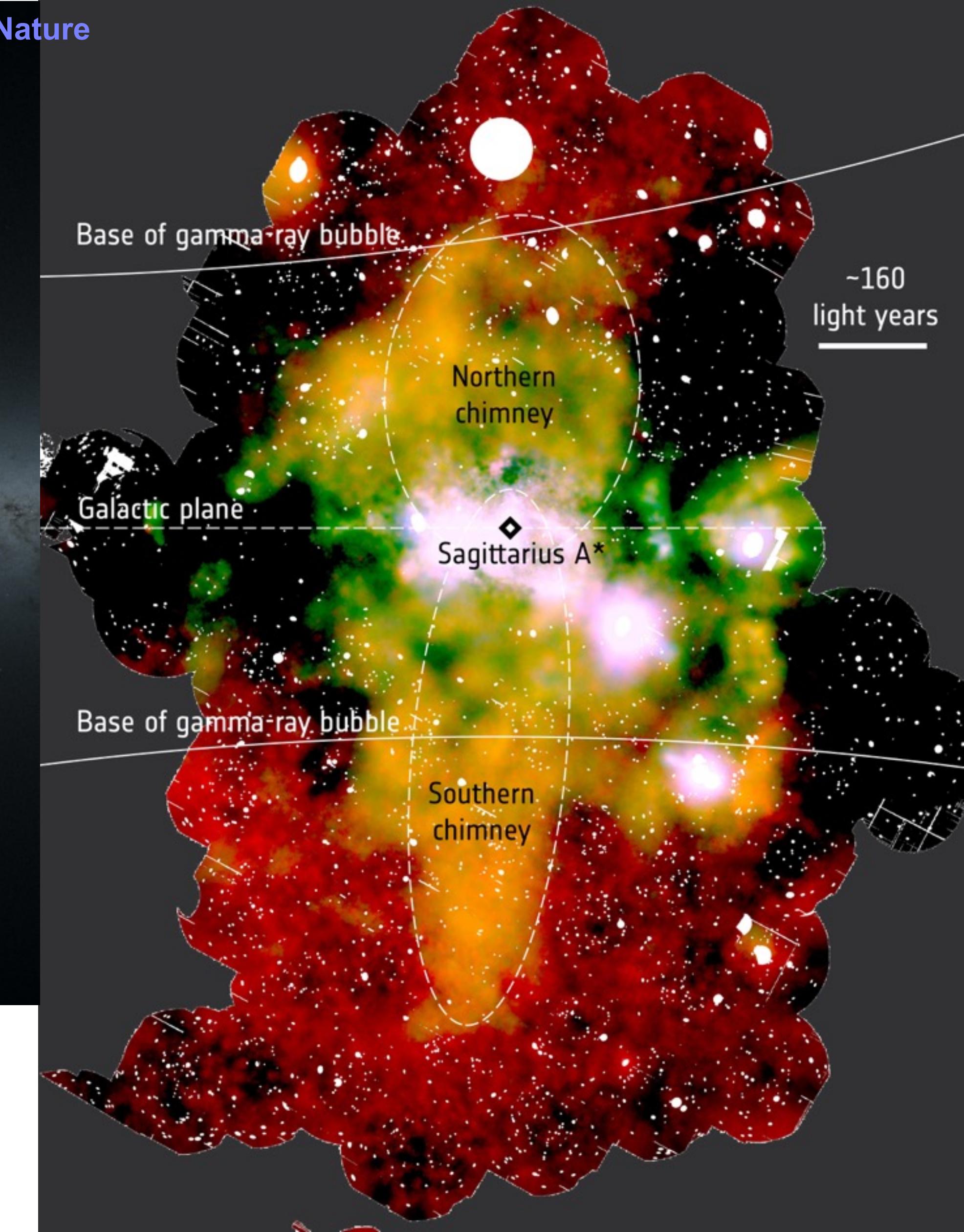
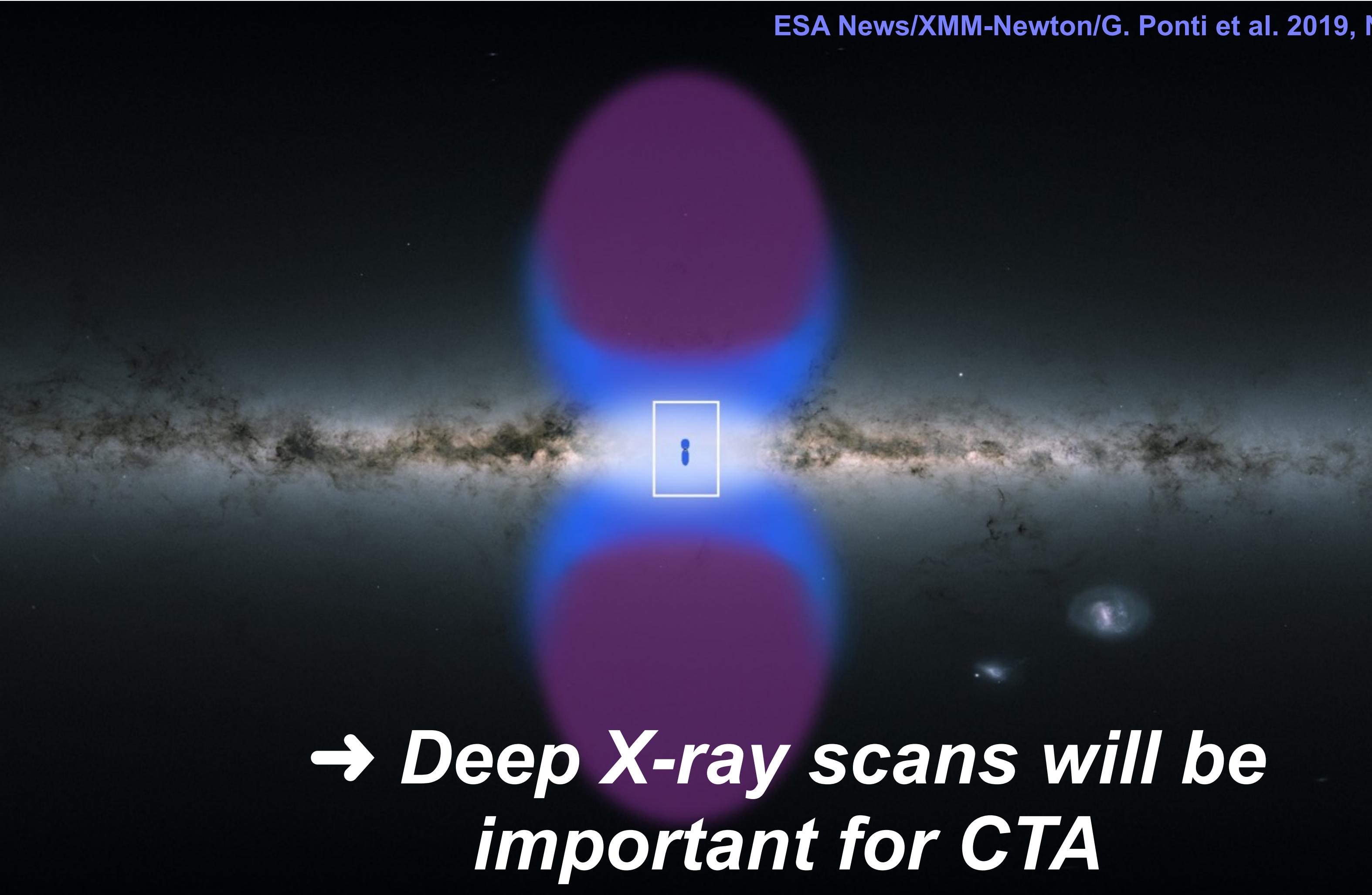


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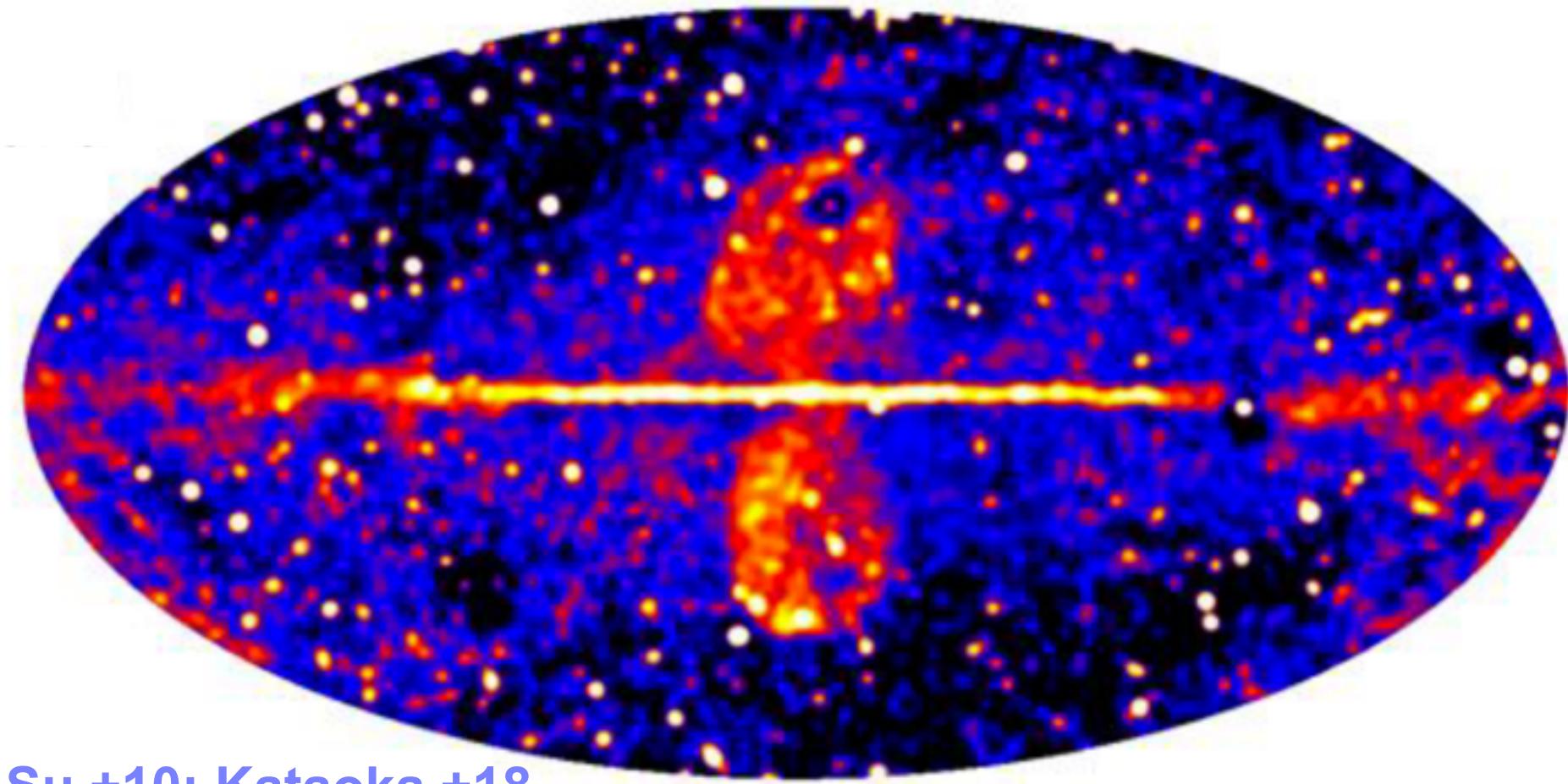


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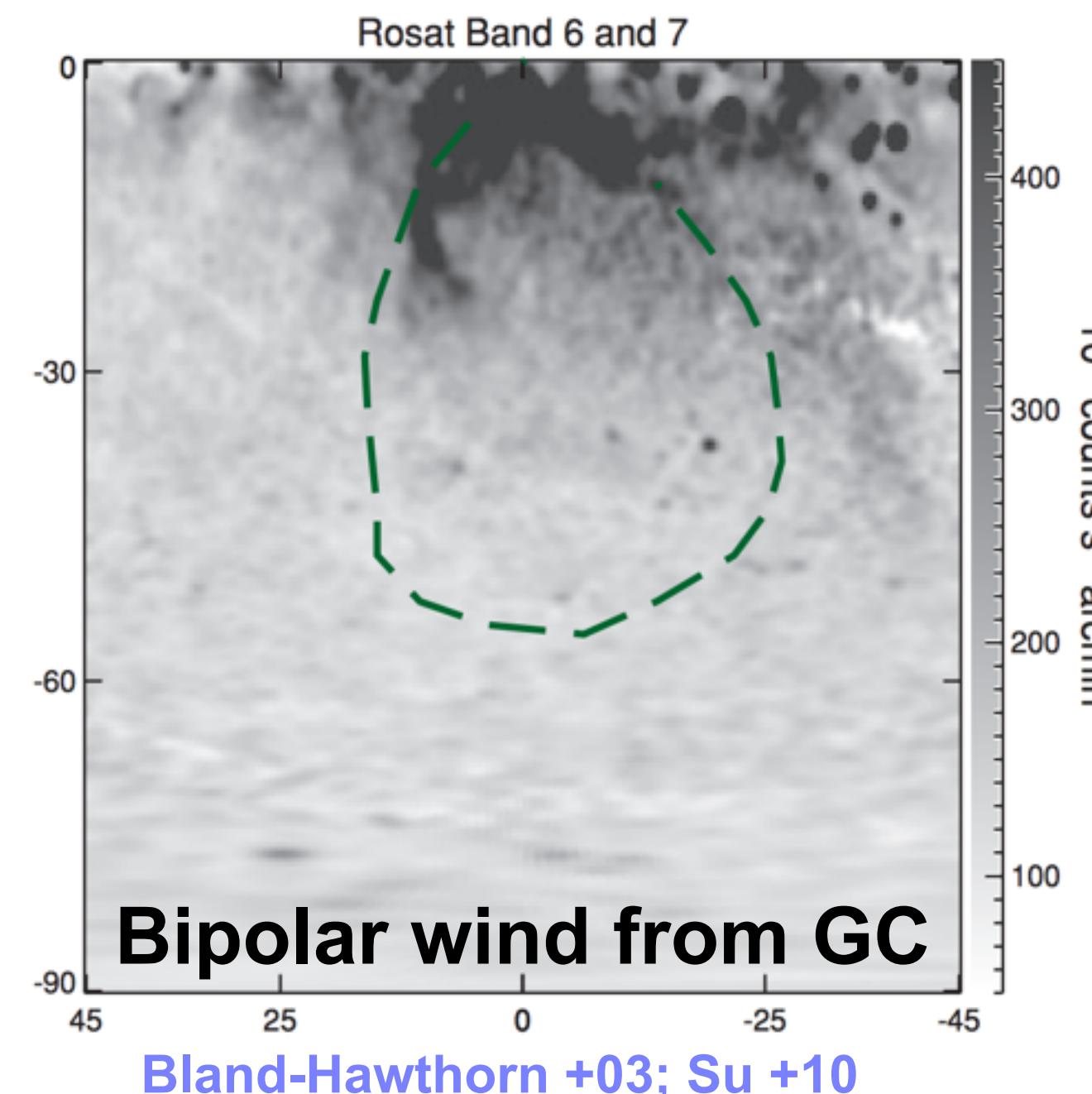
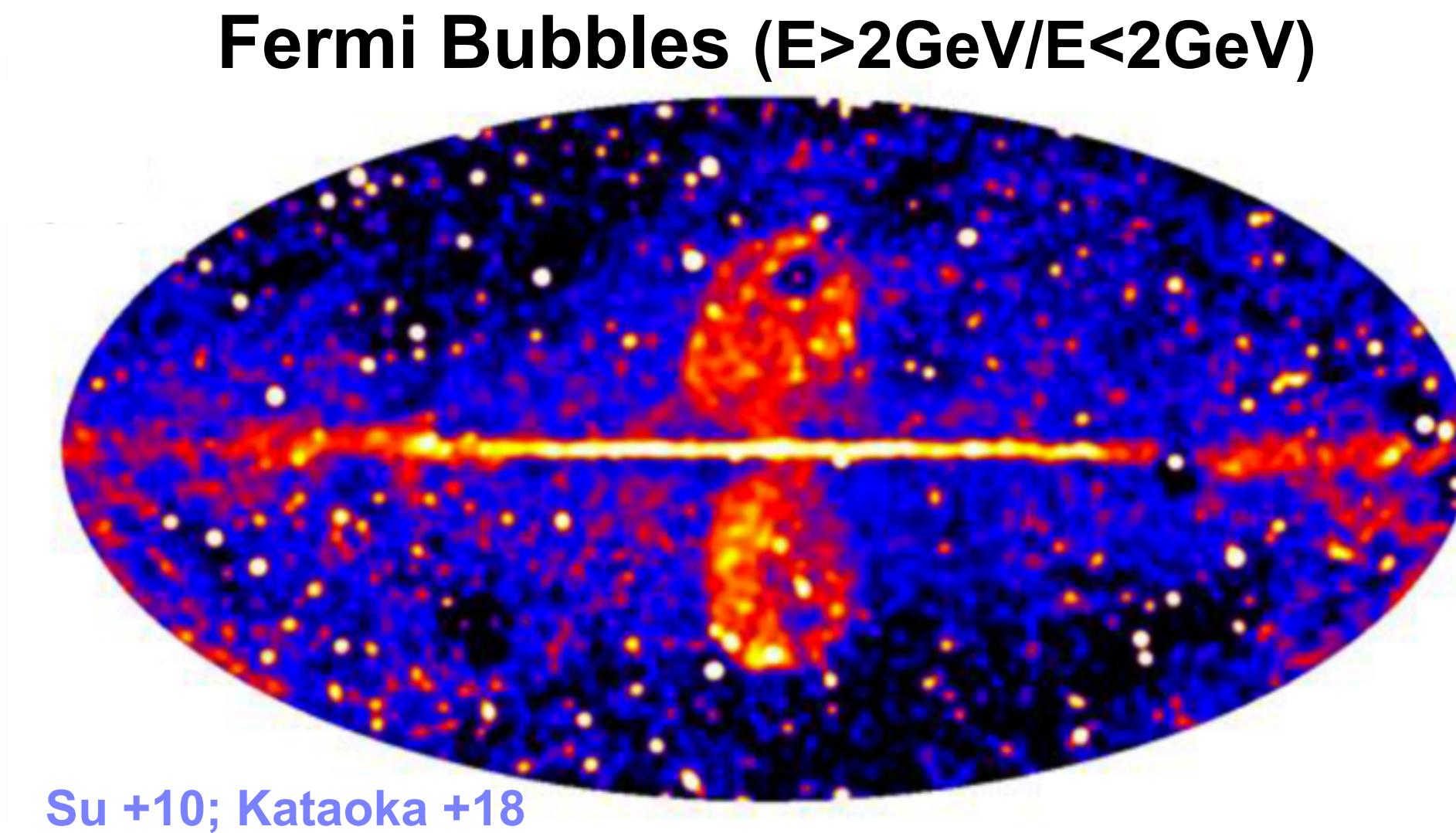
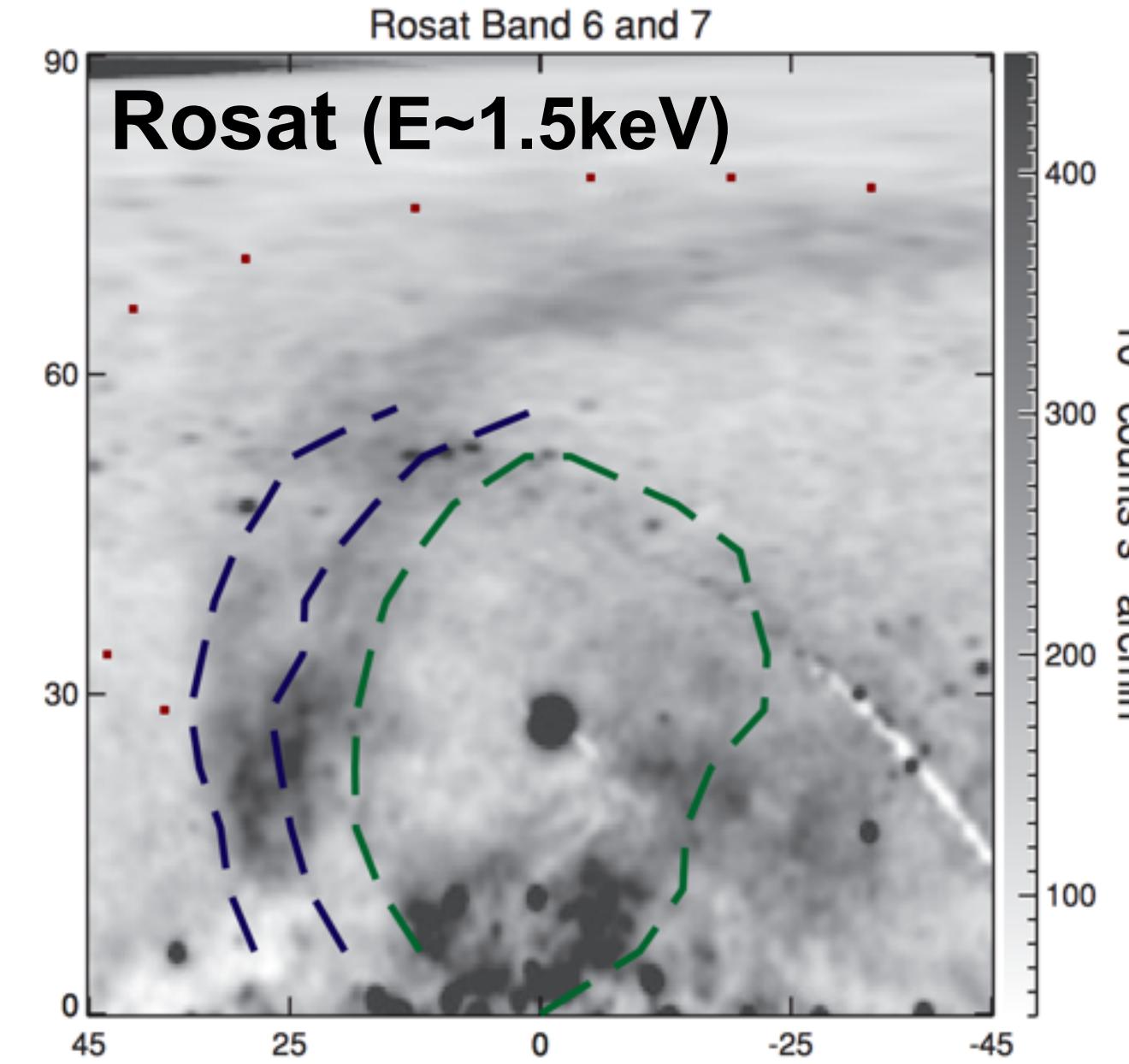
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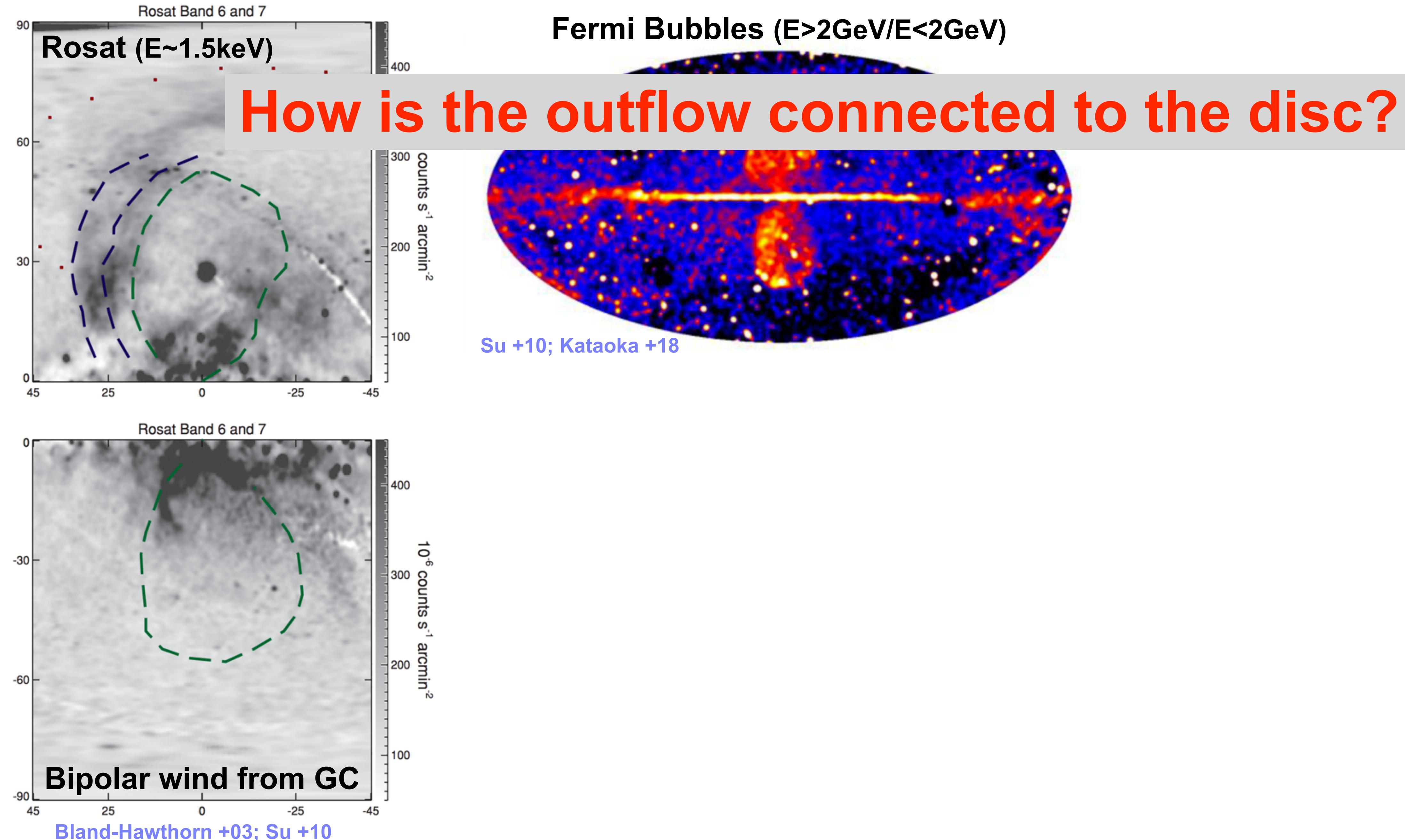


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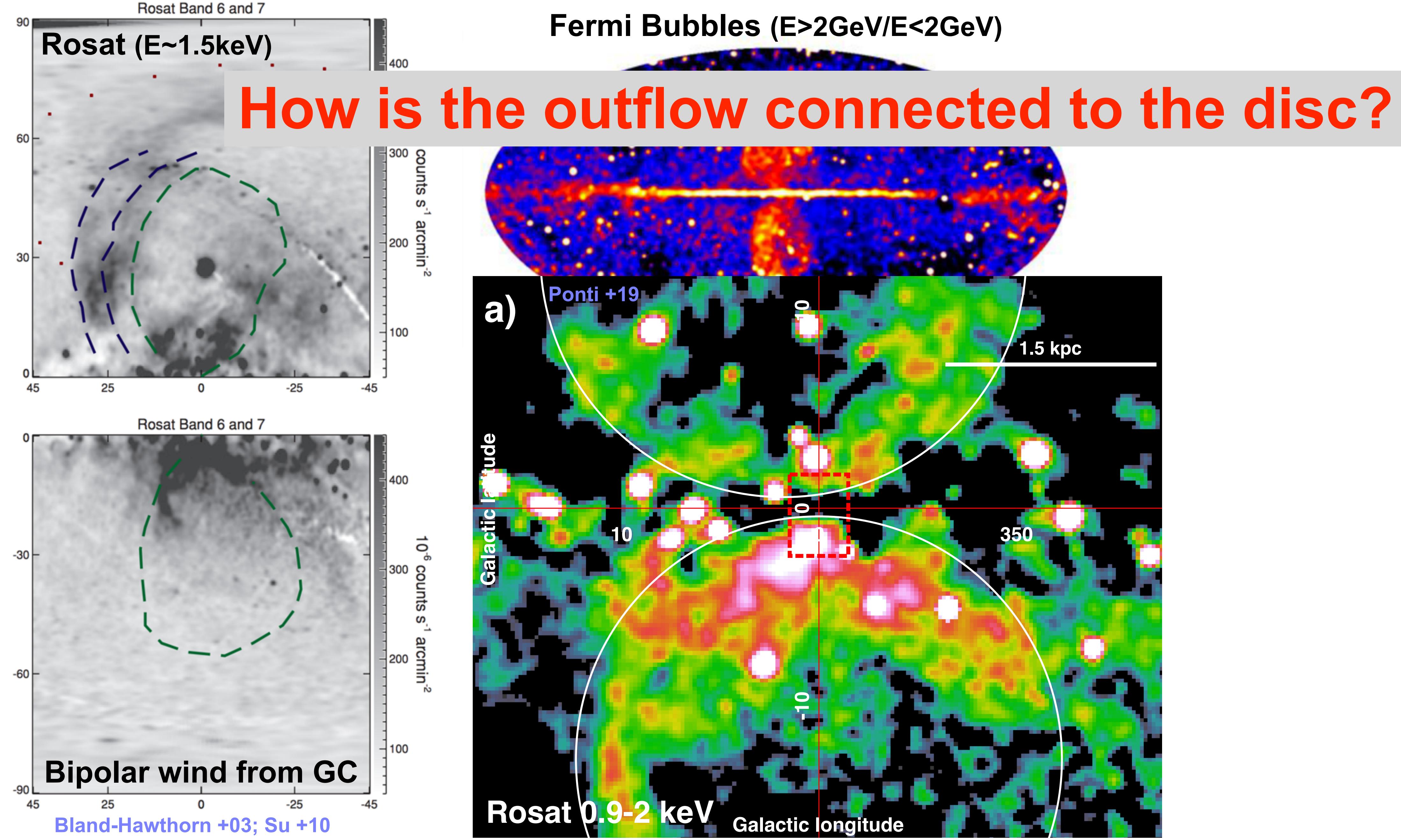
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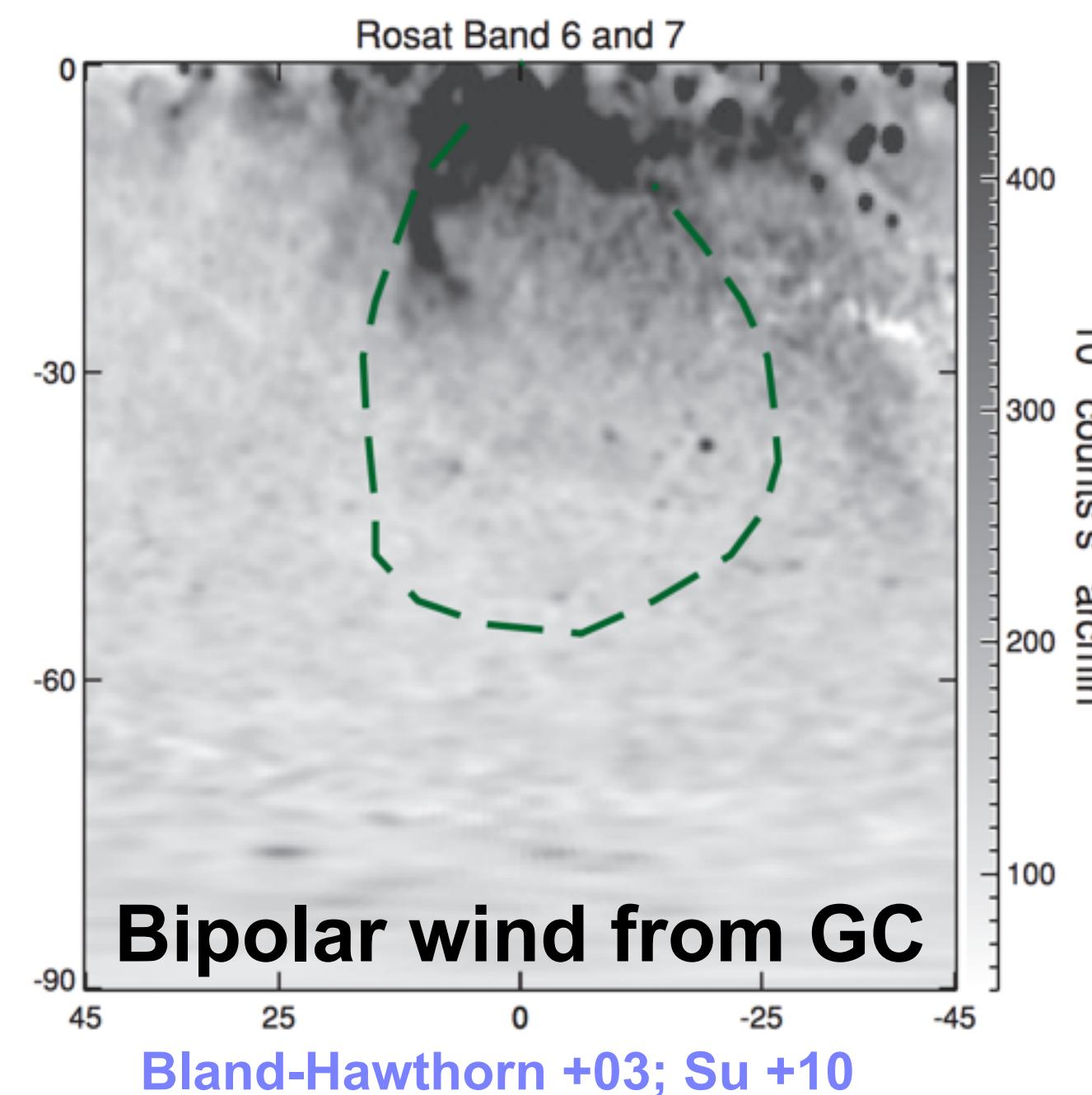
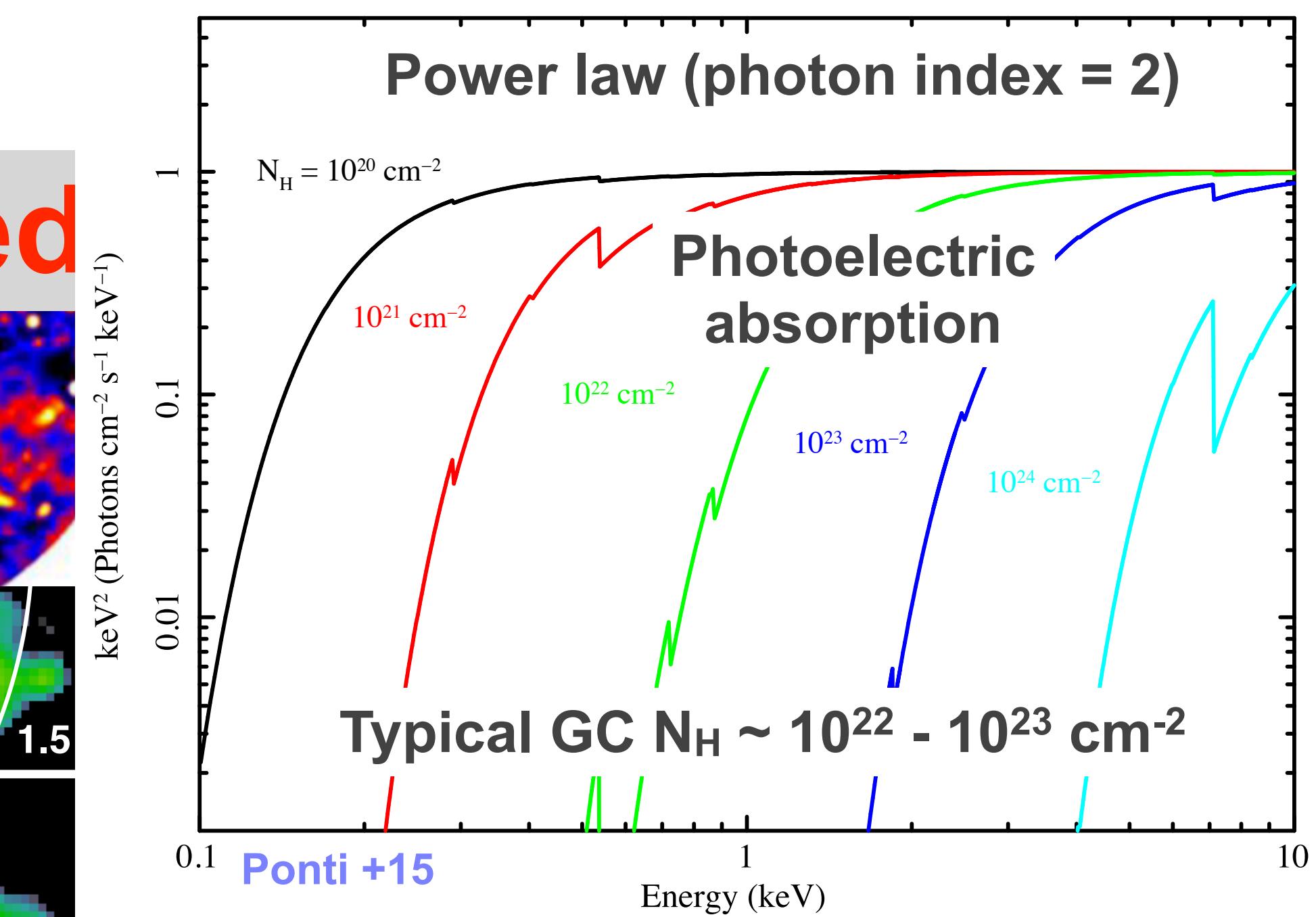
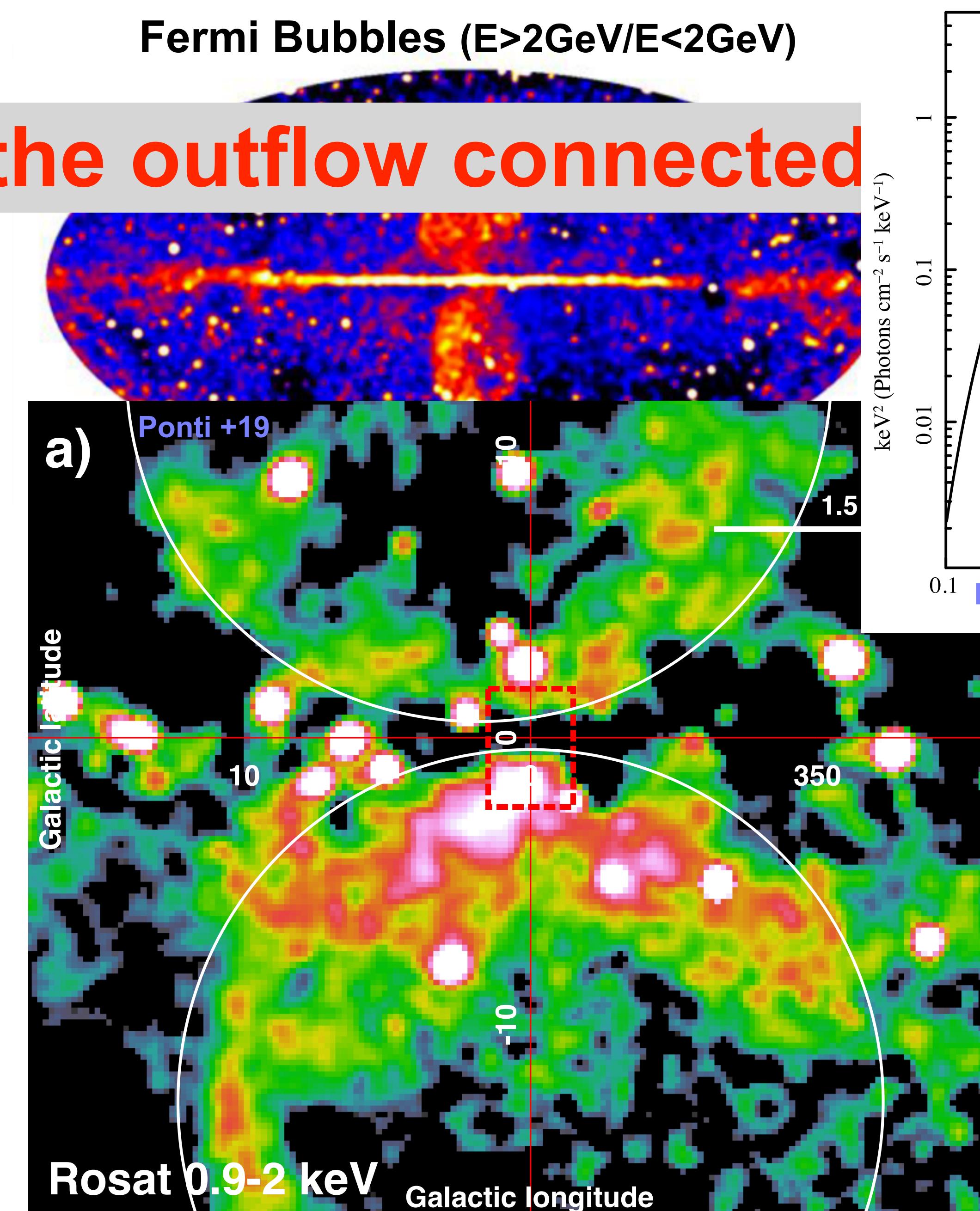
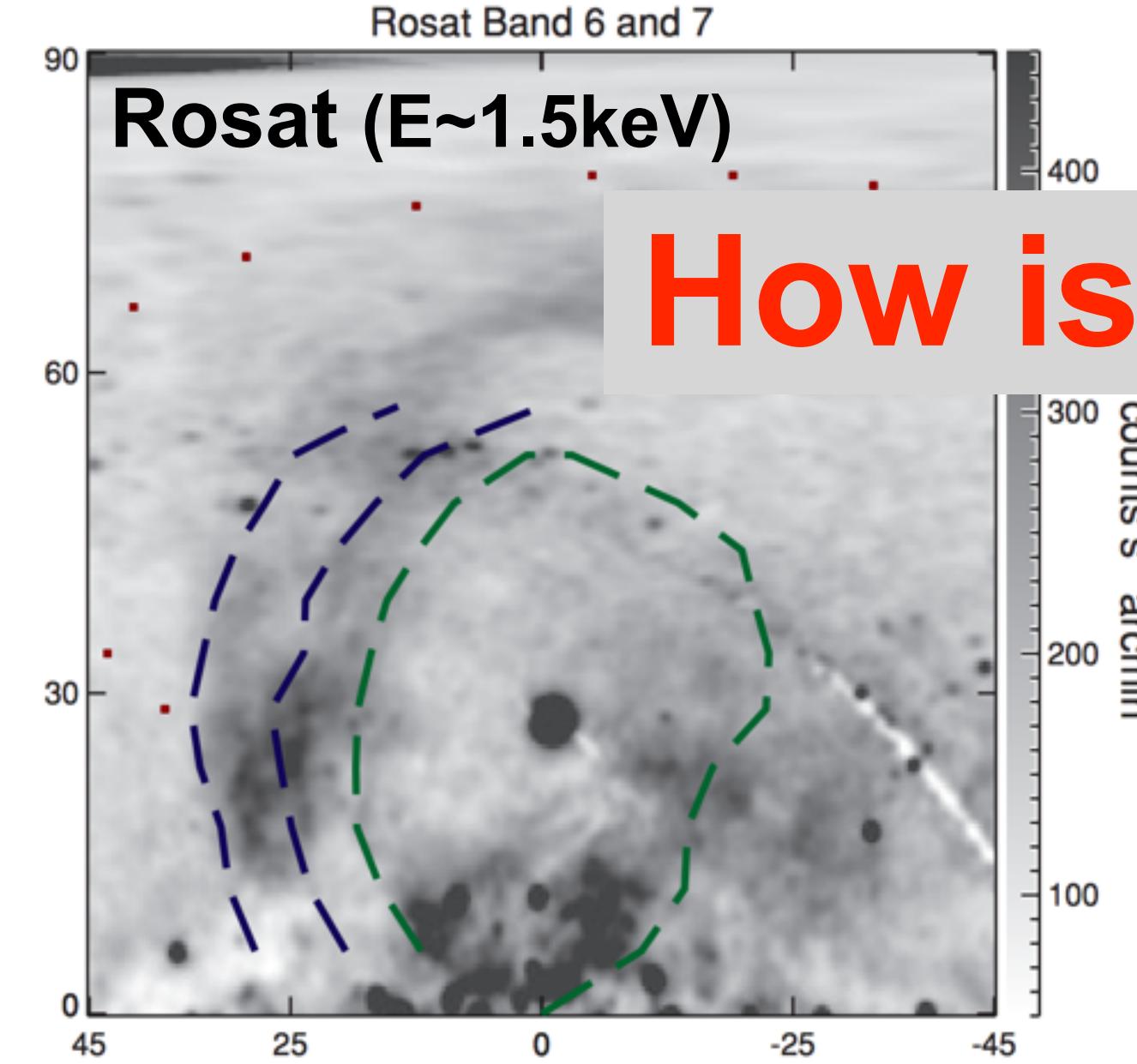
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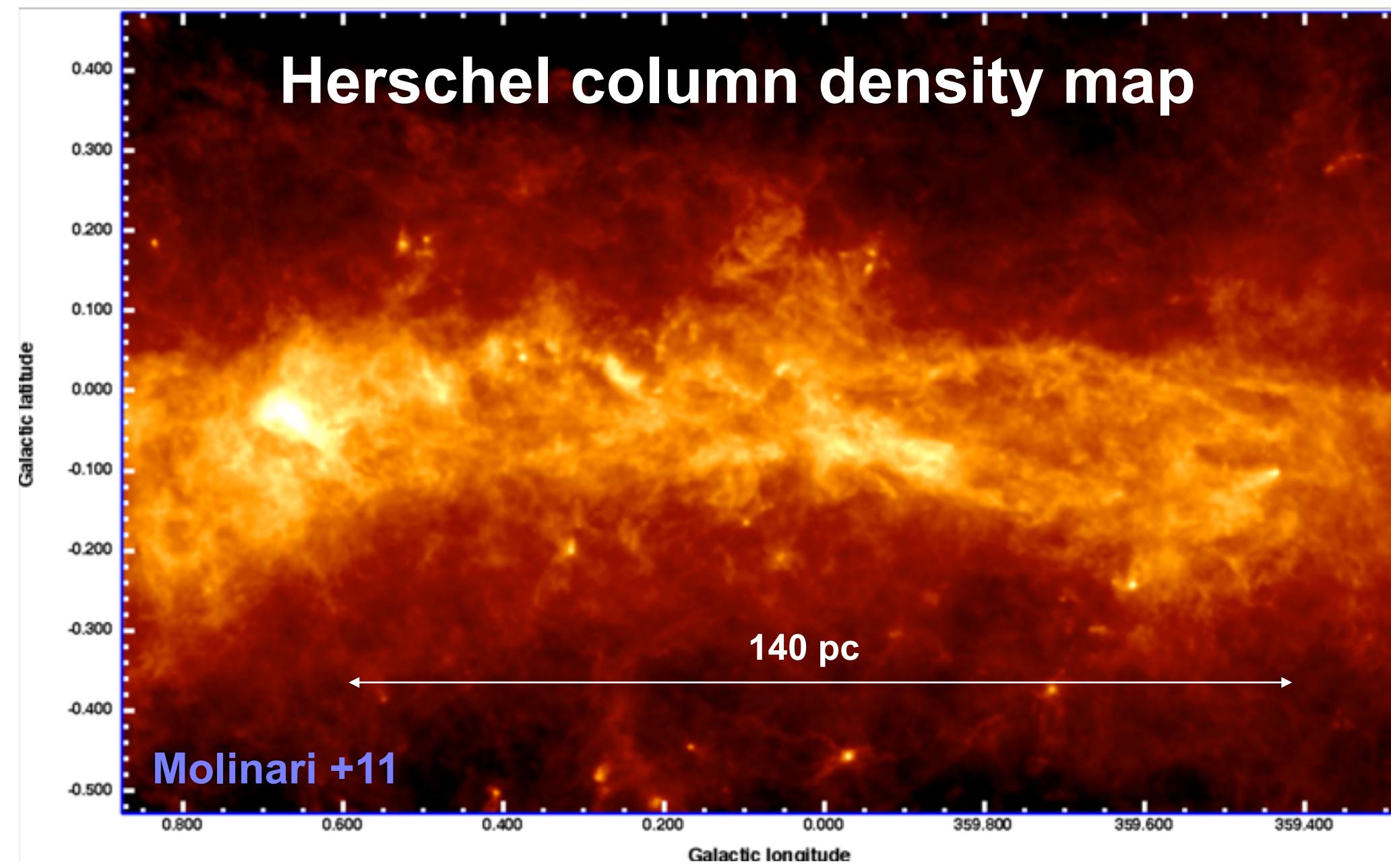
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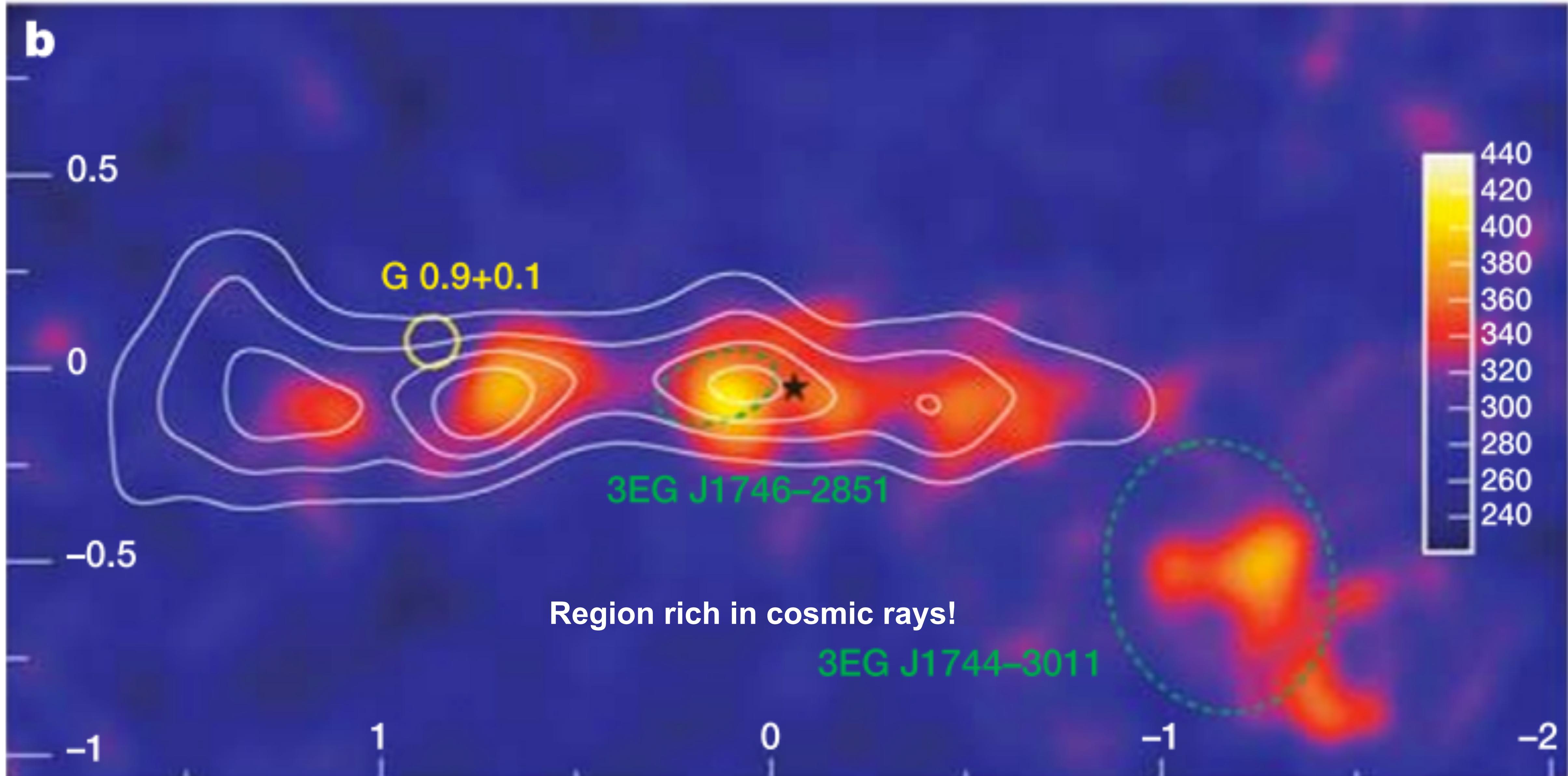
Absorption in soft X-ray

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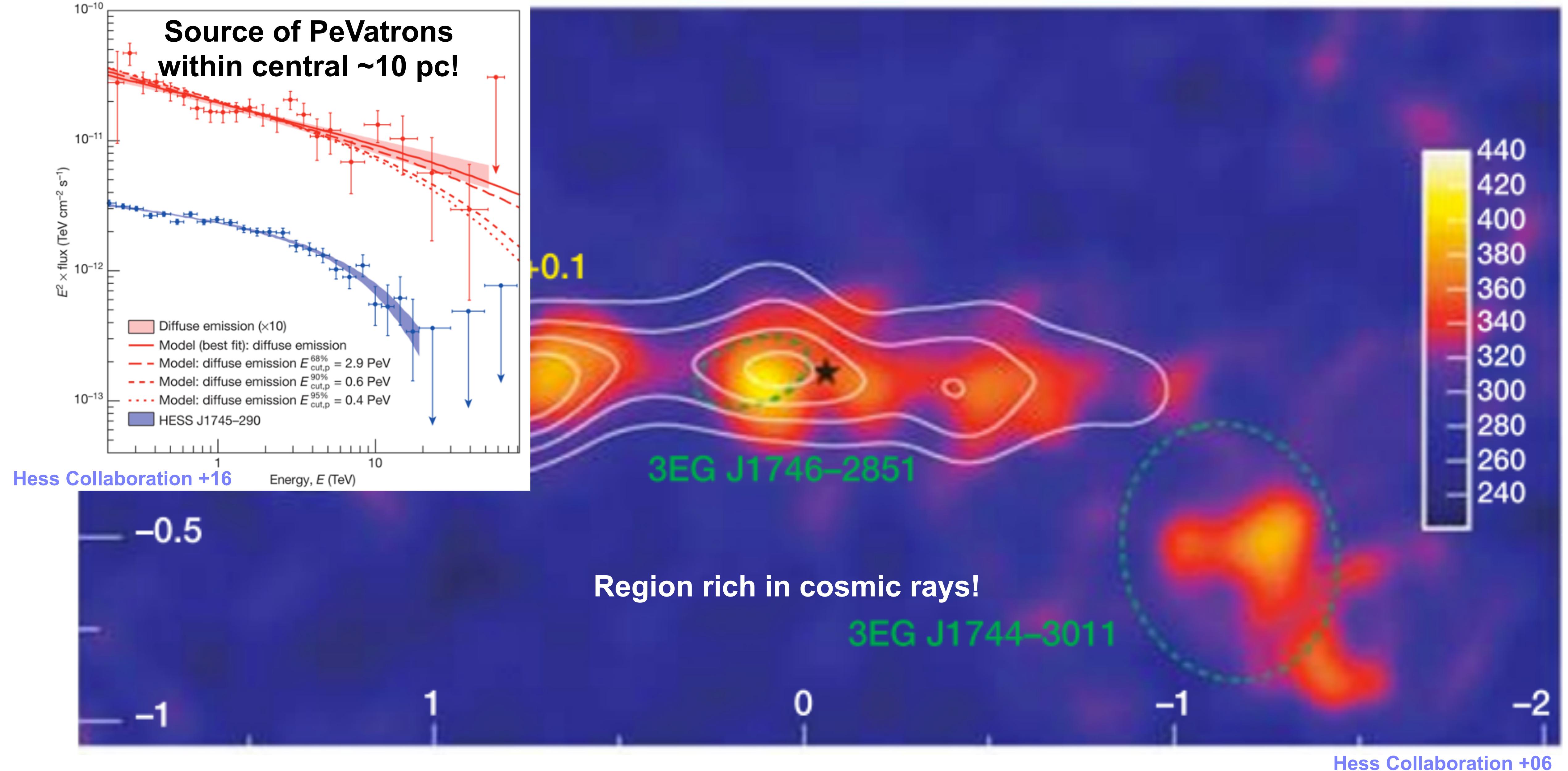
Abundant gas reservoir  $\sim 3 \times 10^7$  M<sub>Sun</sub> → Mini starburst



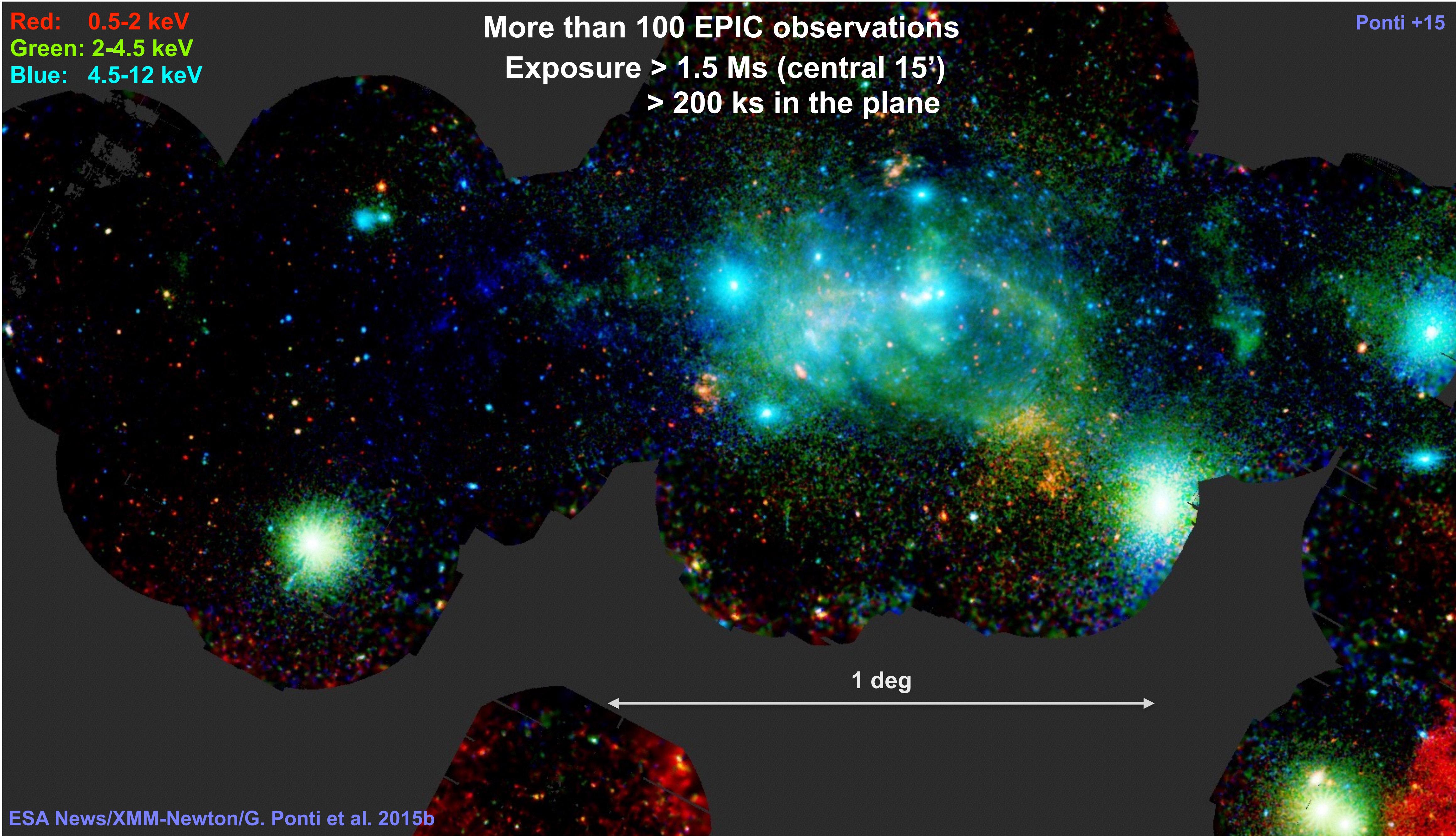
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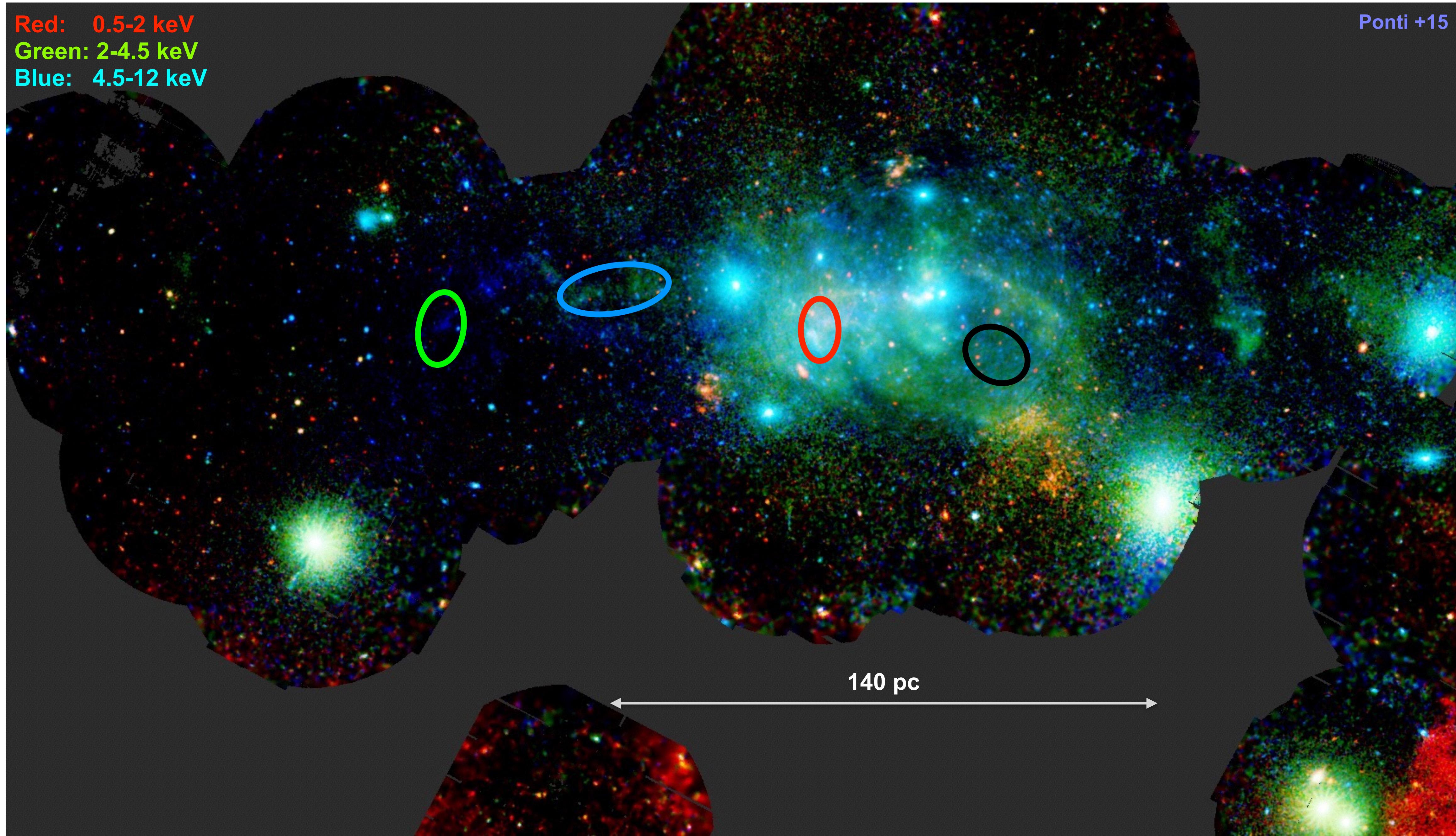
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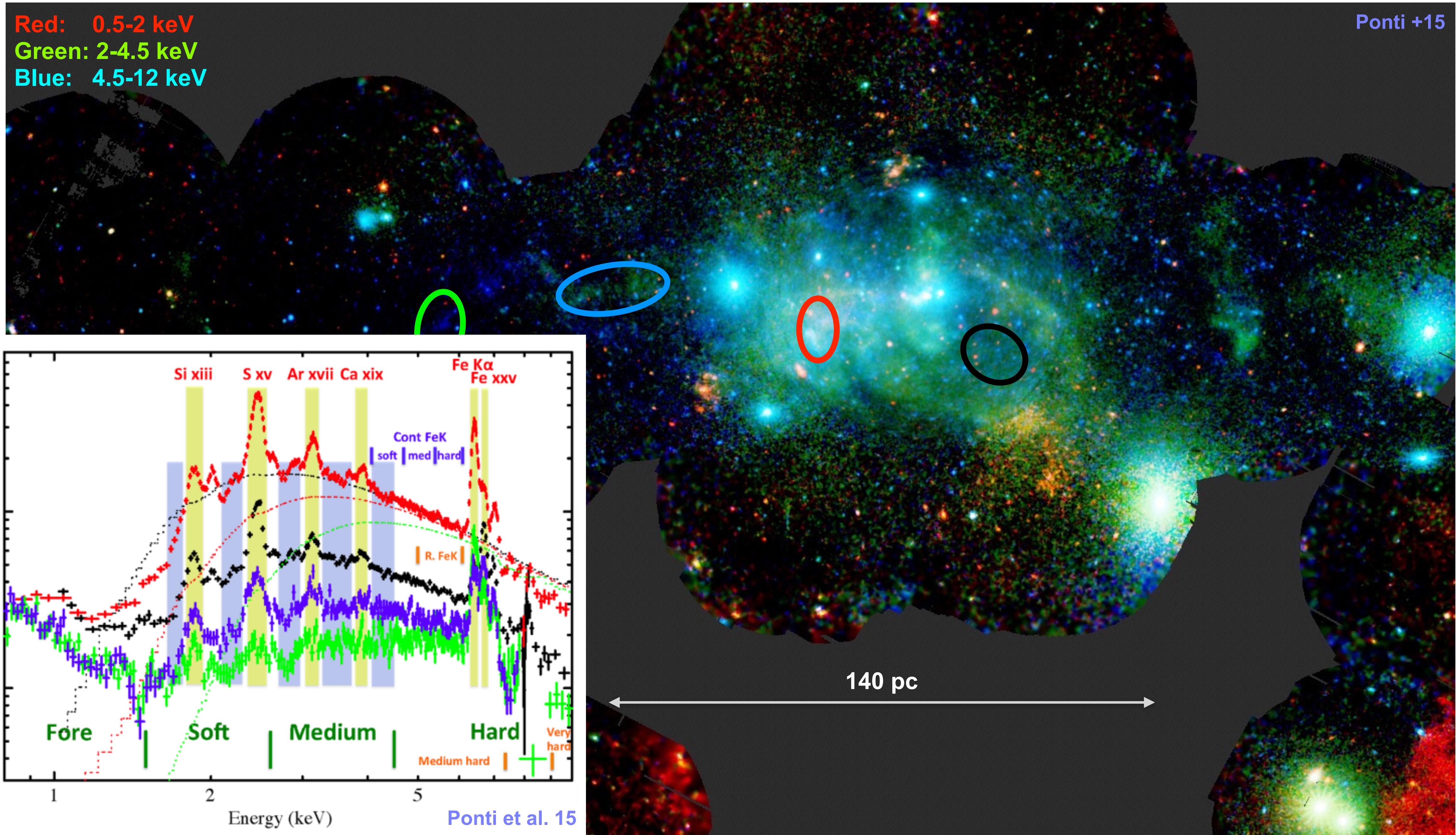
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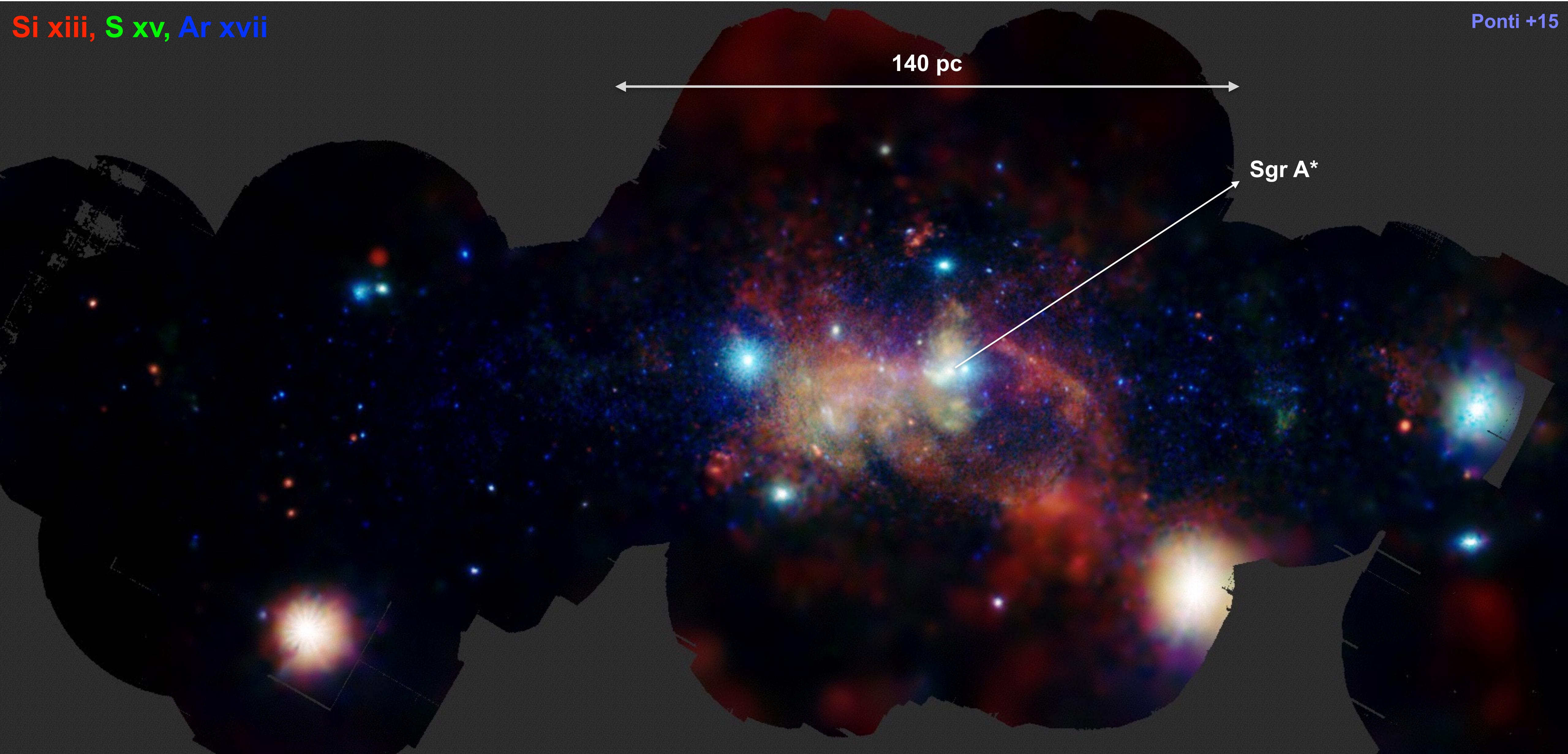
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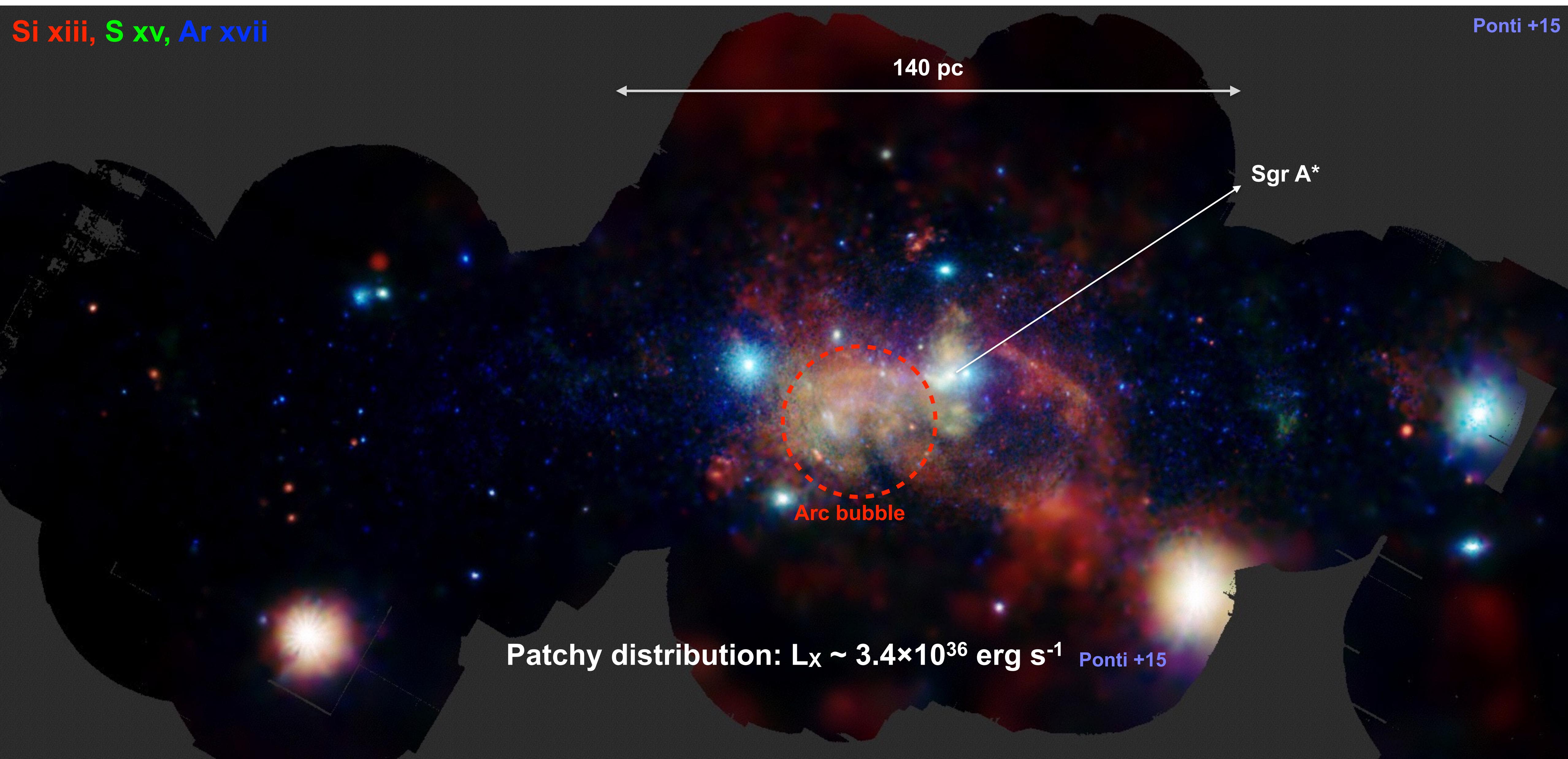
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140 pc

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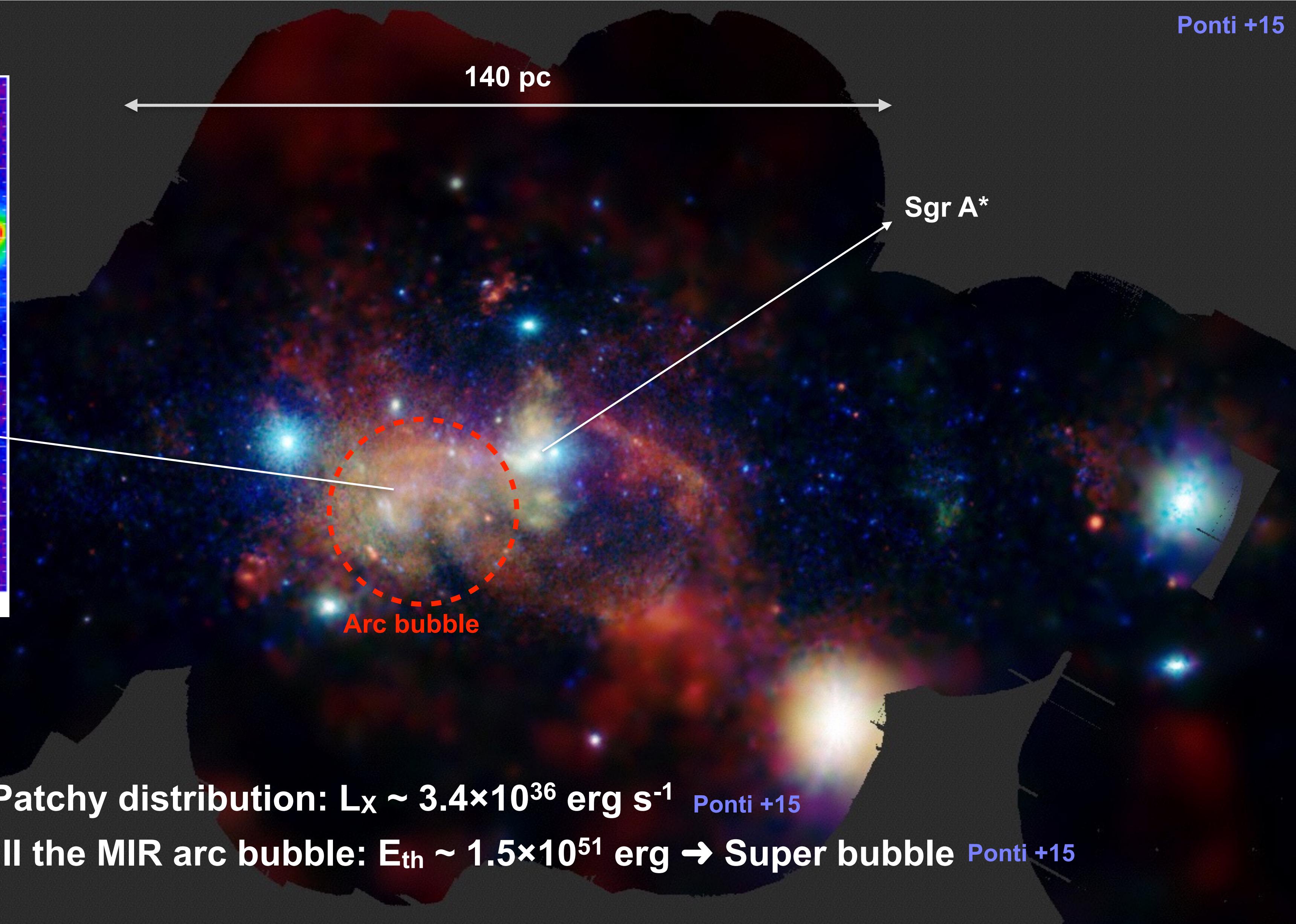
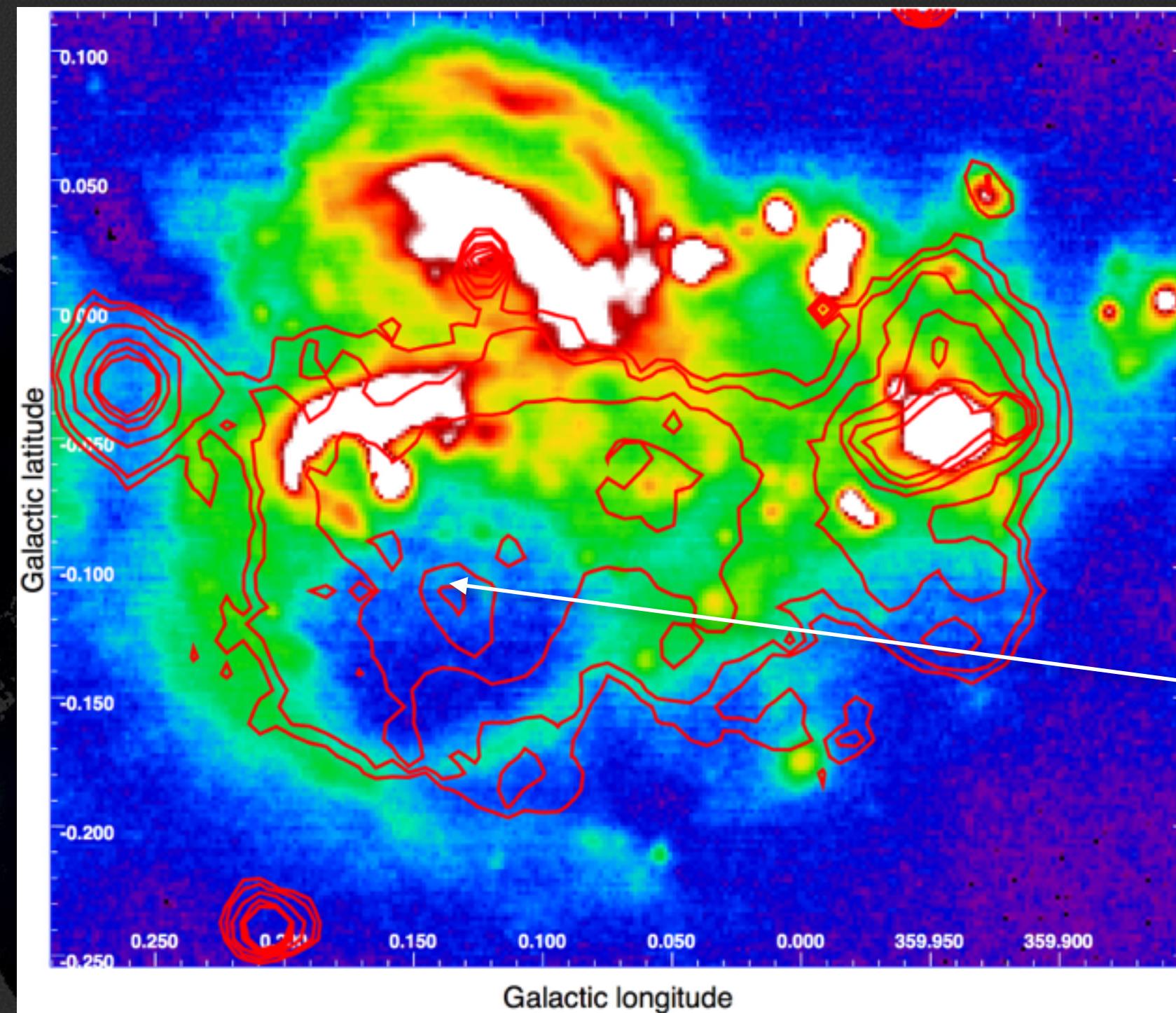
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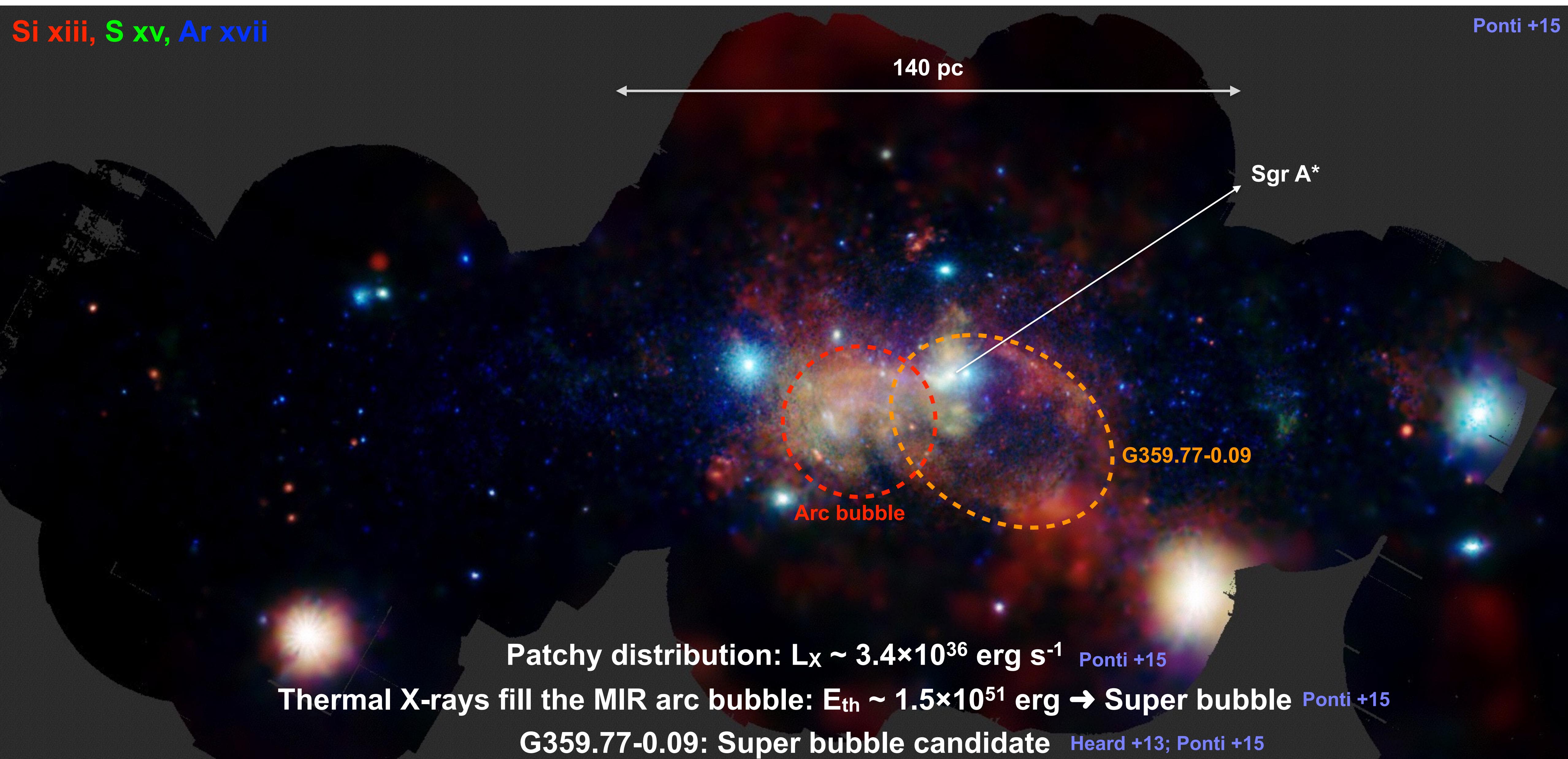


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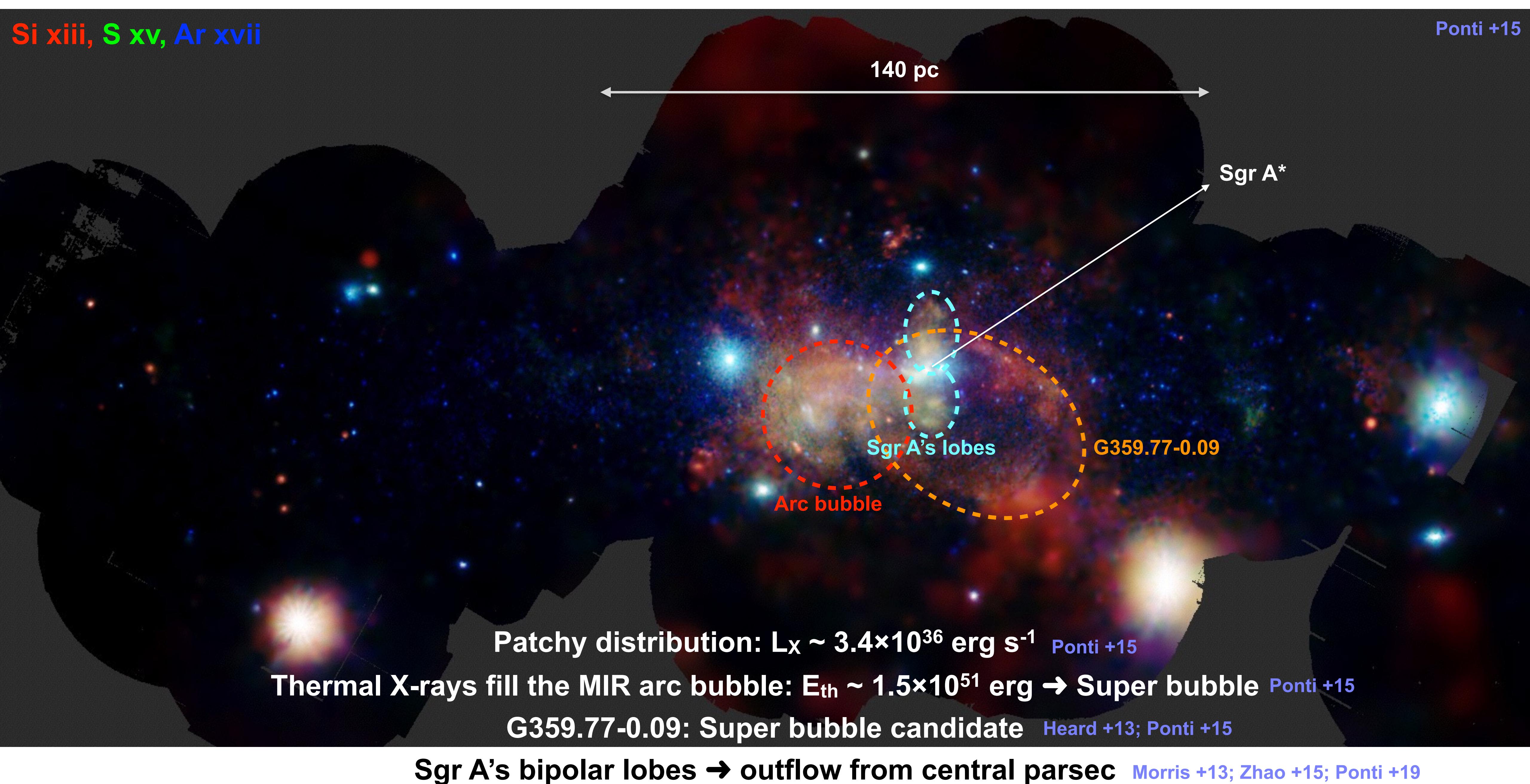
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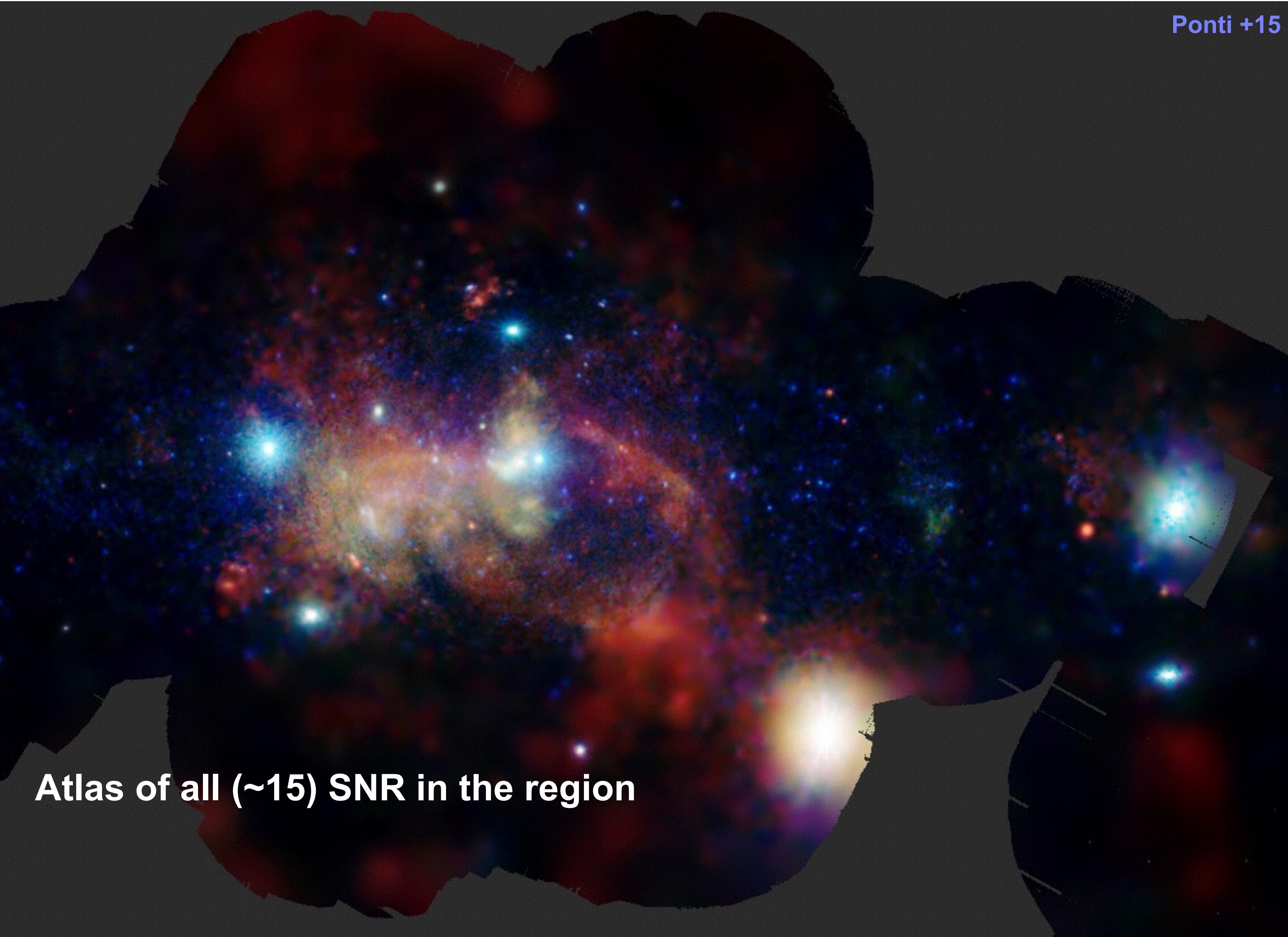
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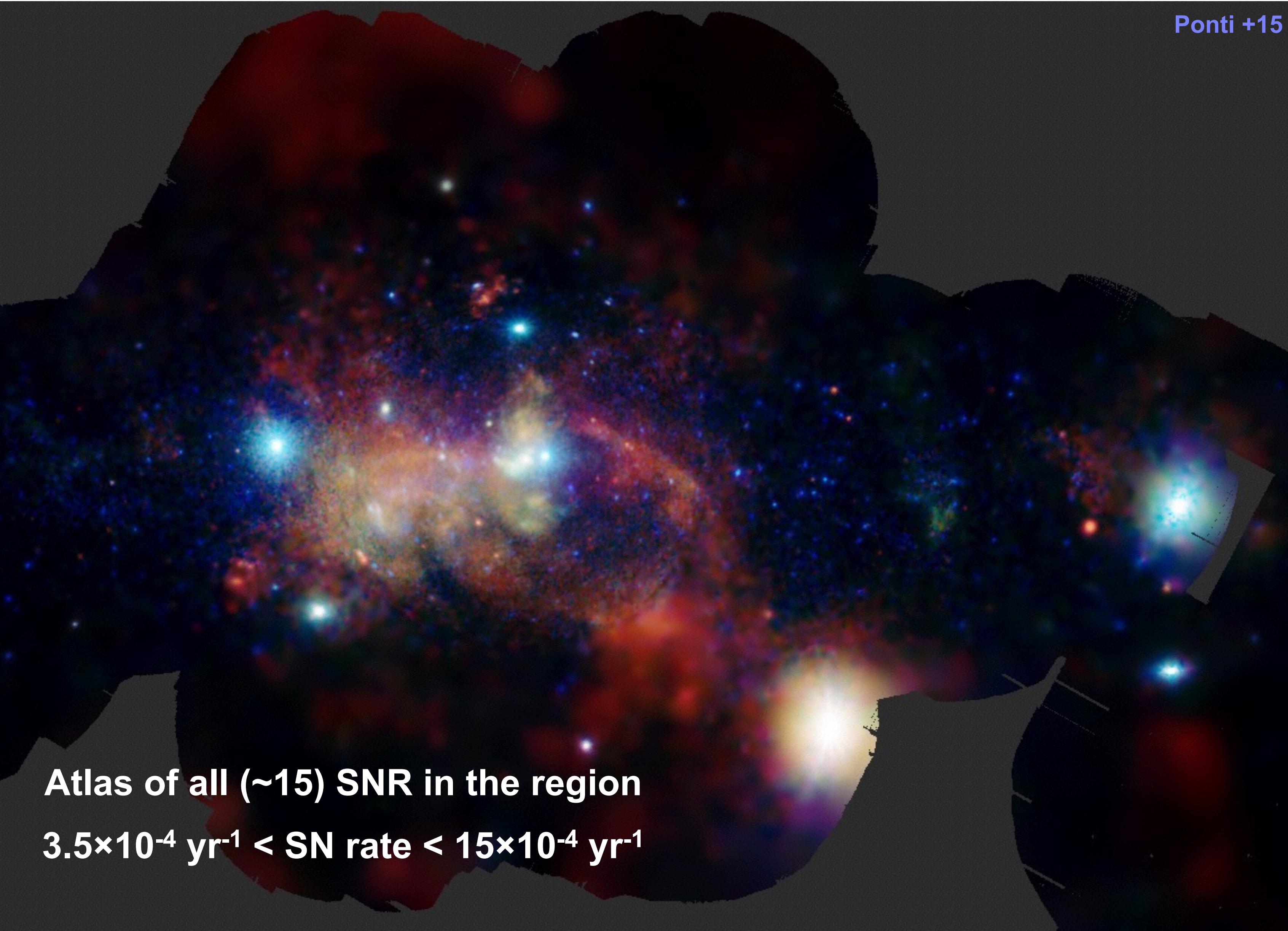
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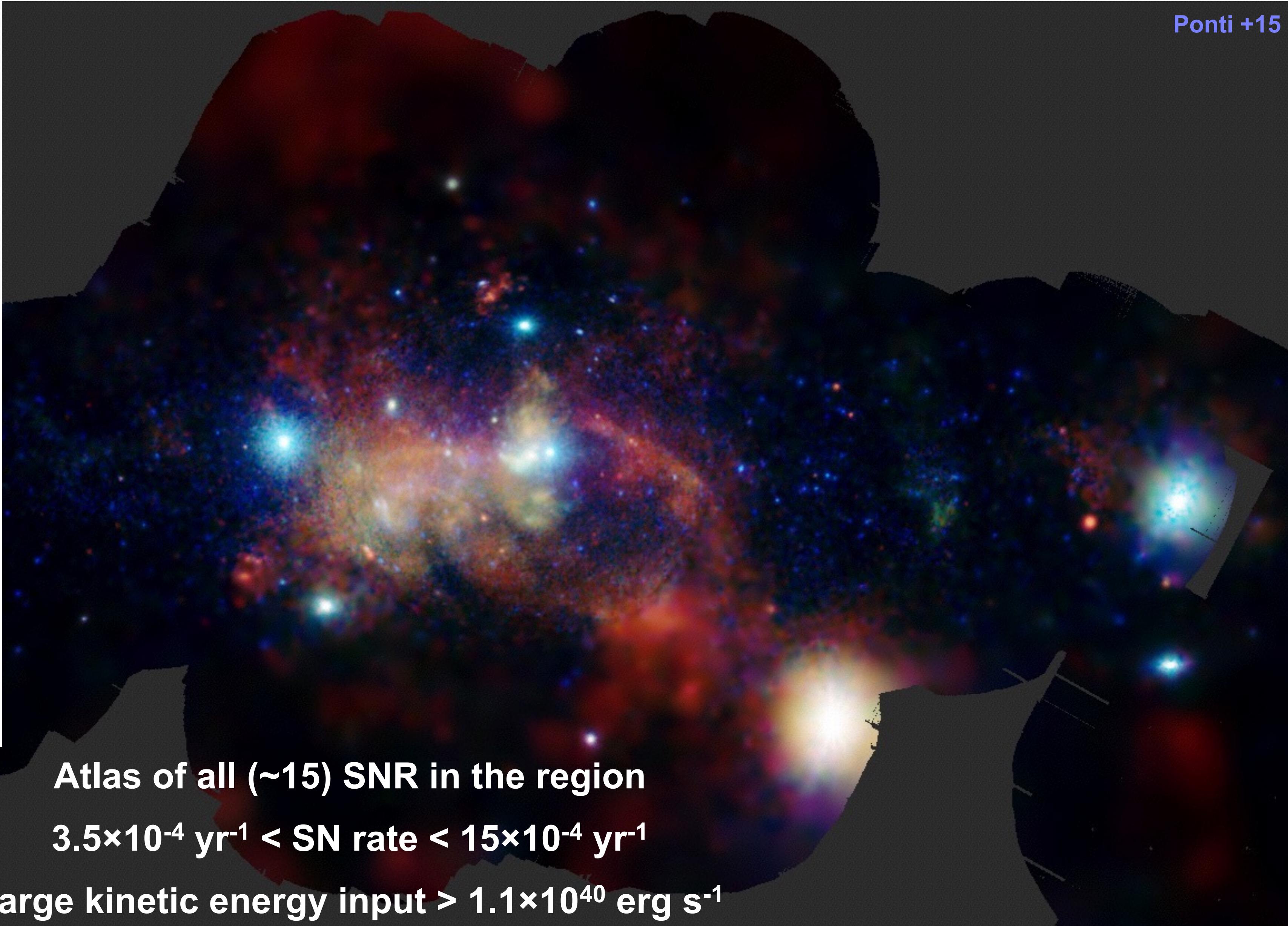
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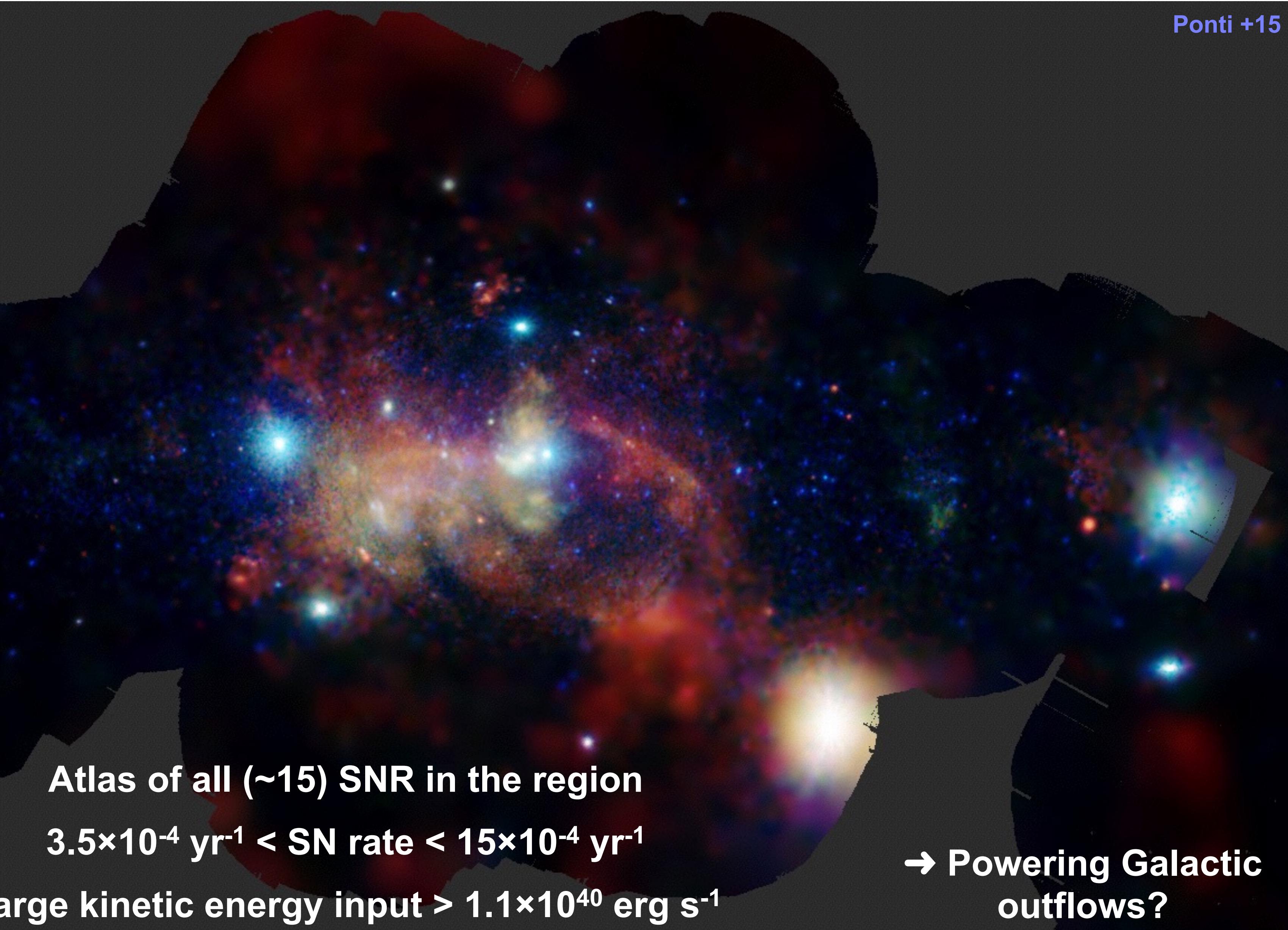
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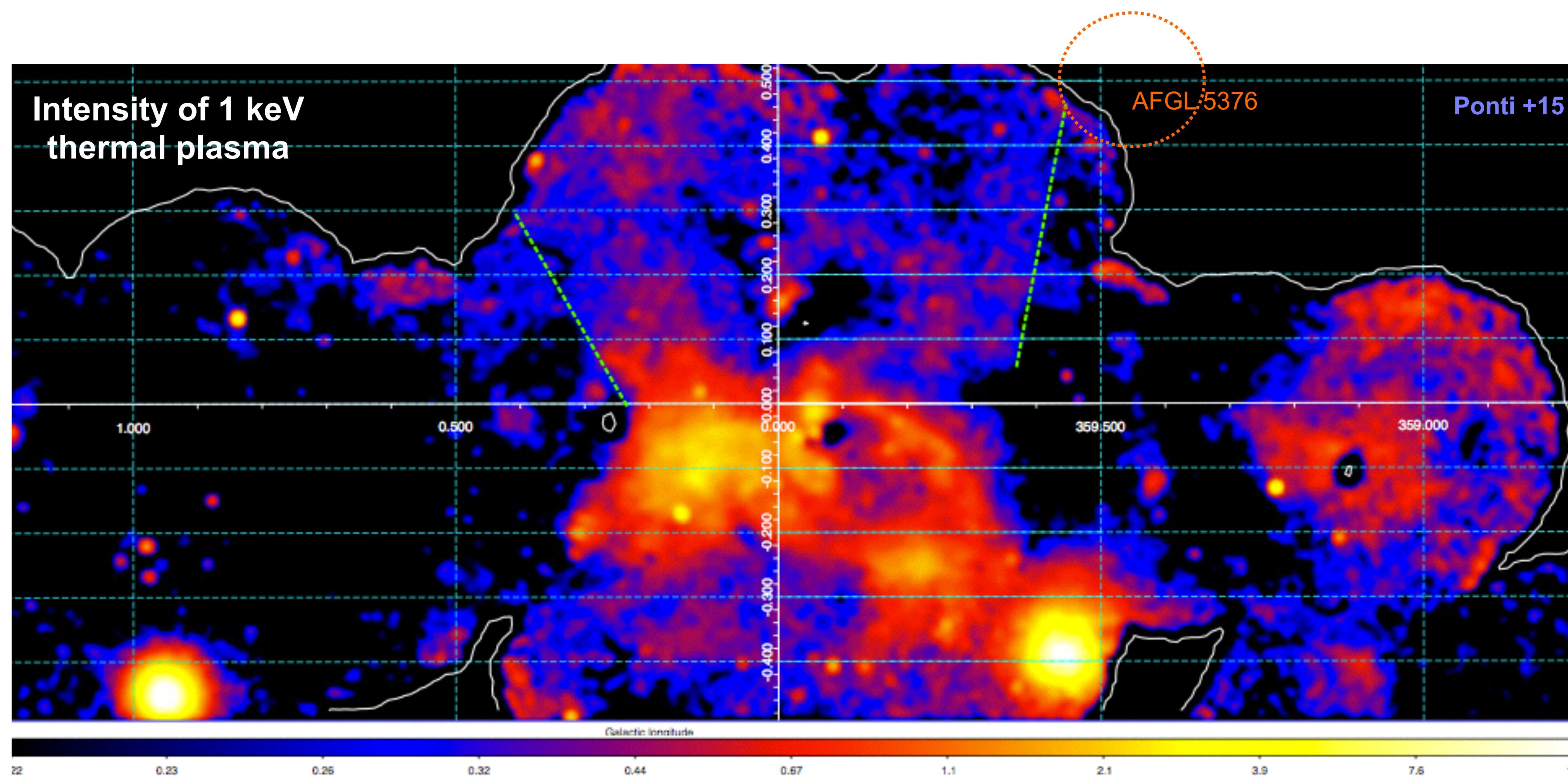
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G0.40-0.02	Suzaku J1746.4-2835.4	0.40,-0.02	4.7 × 7.4	X 22
	G0.42-0.04			
G0.52-0.046		0.519,-0.046◊	2.4 × 5.1	This work
G0.57-0.001		0.57,-0.001	1.5 × 2.9	This work
G0.57-0.018†	CXO J174702.6-282733	0.570,-0.018	0.2	X 23,24,58,59,68,80
G0.61+0.01†	Suzaku J1747.0-2824.5	0.61,+0.01	2.2 × 4.8	X 22,65,79
G0.9+0.1♡	SNR 0.9+0.1	0.867,+0.073	7.6 × 7.2	R 25,26,27,28,29,48,75,81,82
DS1	G1.2-0.0	1.17,+0.00	3.4 × 6.9	X 31
Sgr D SNR	G1.02-0.18	1.02,-0.17	10 × 8.0	R 30,31,48,51,75,77,81,82
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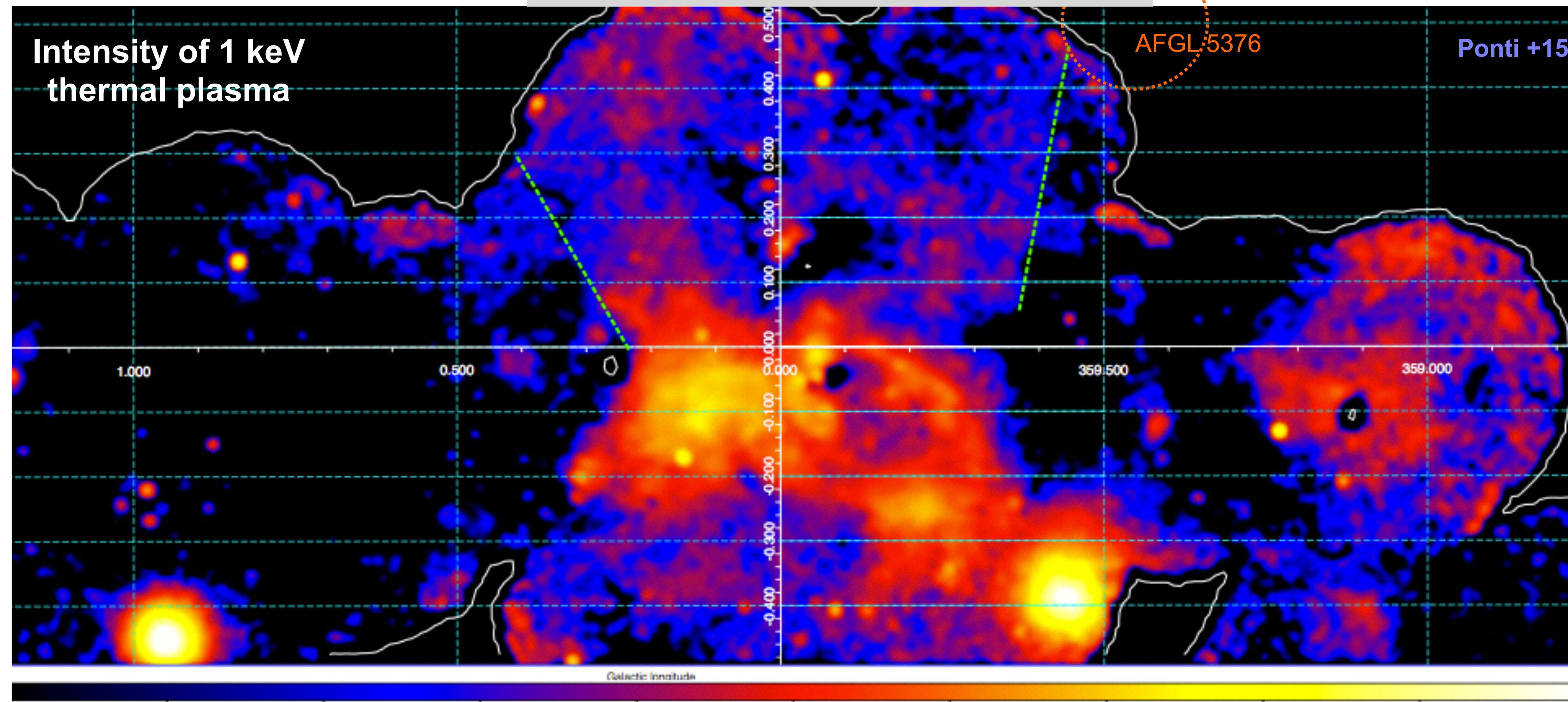


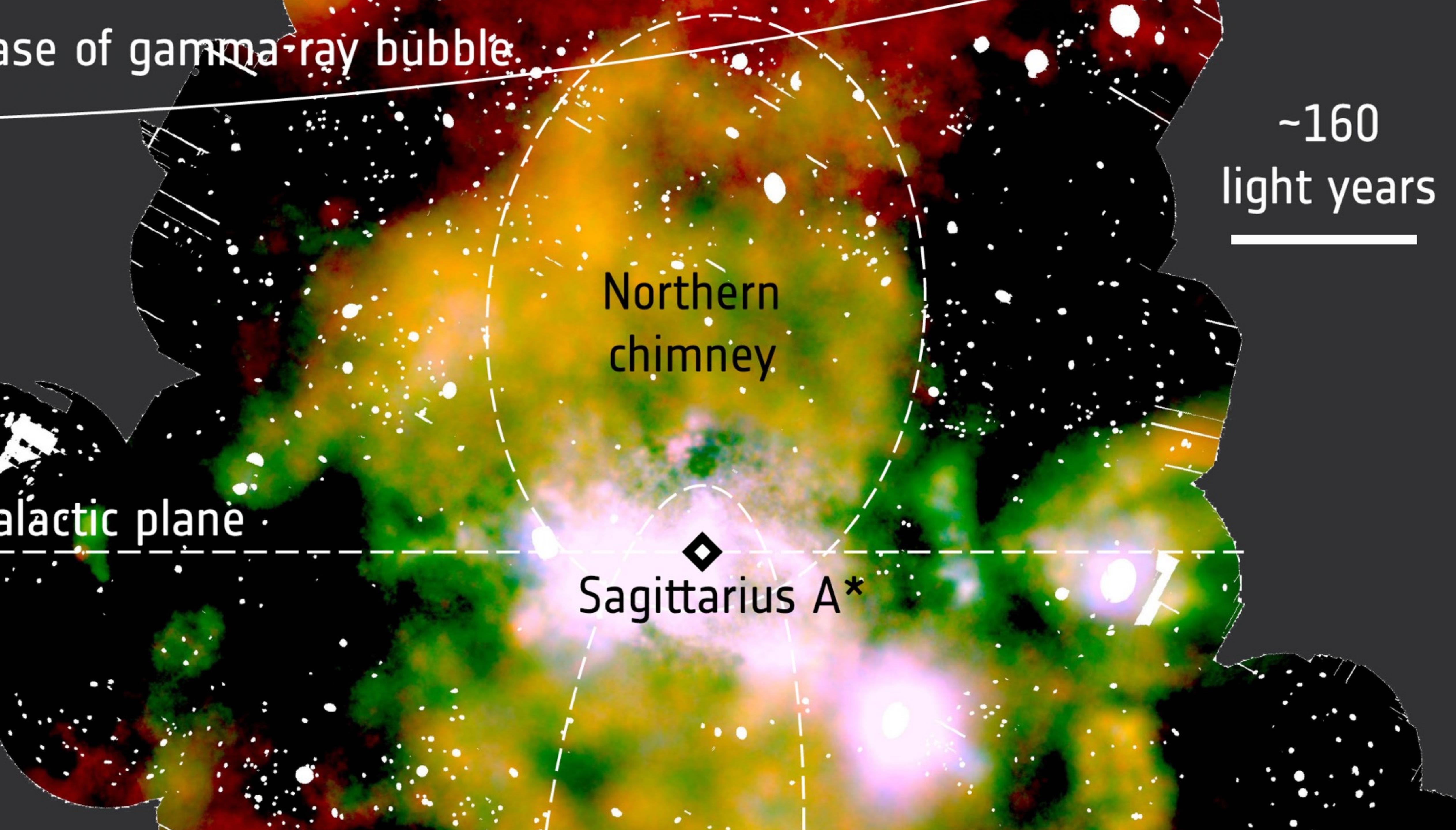
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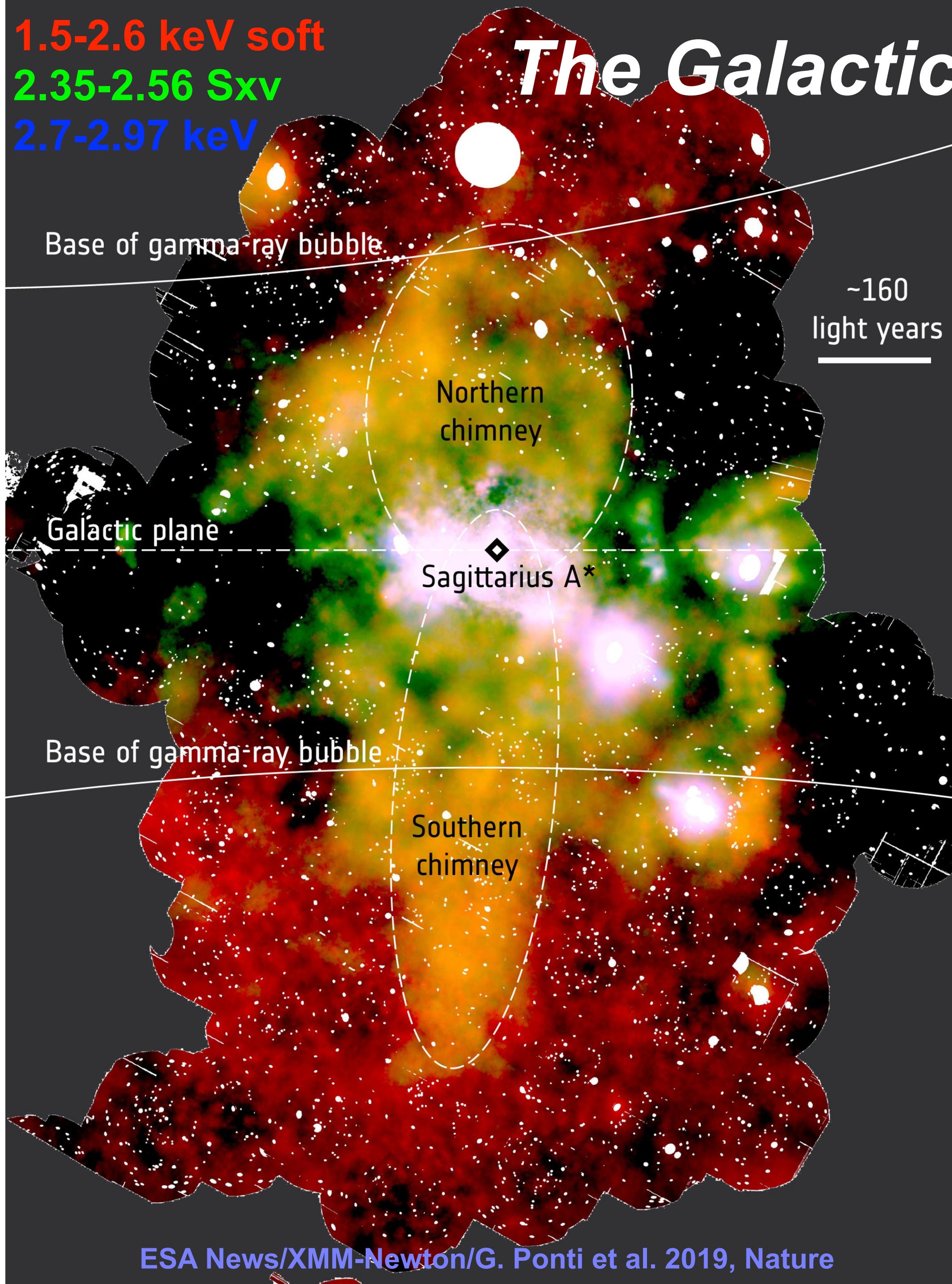
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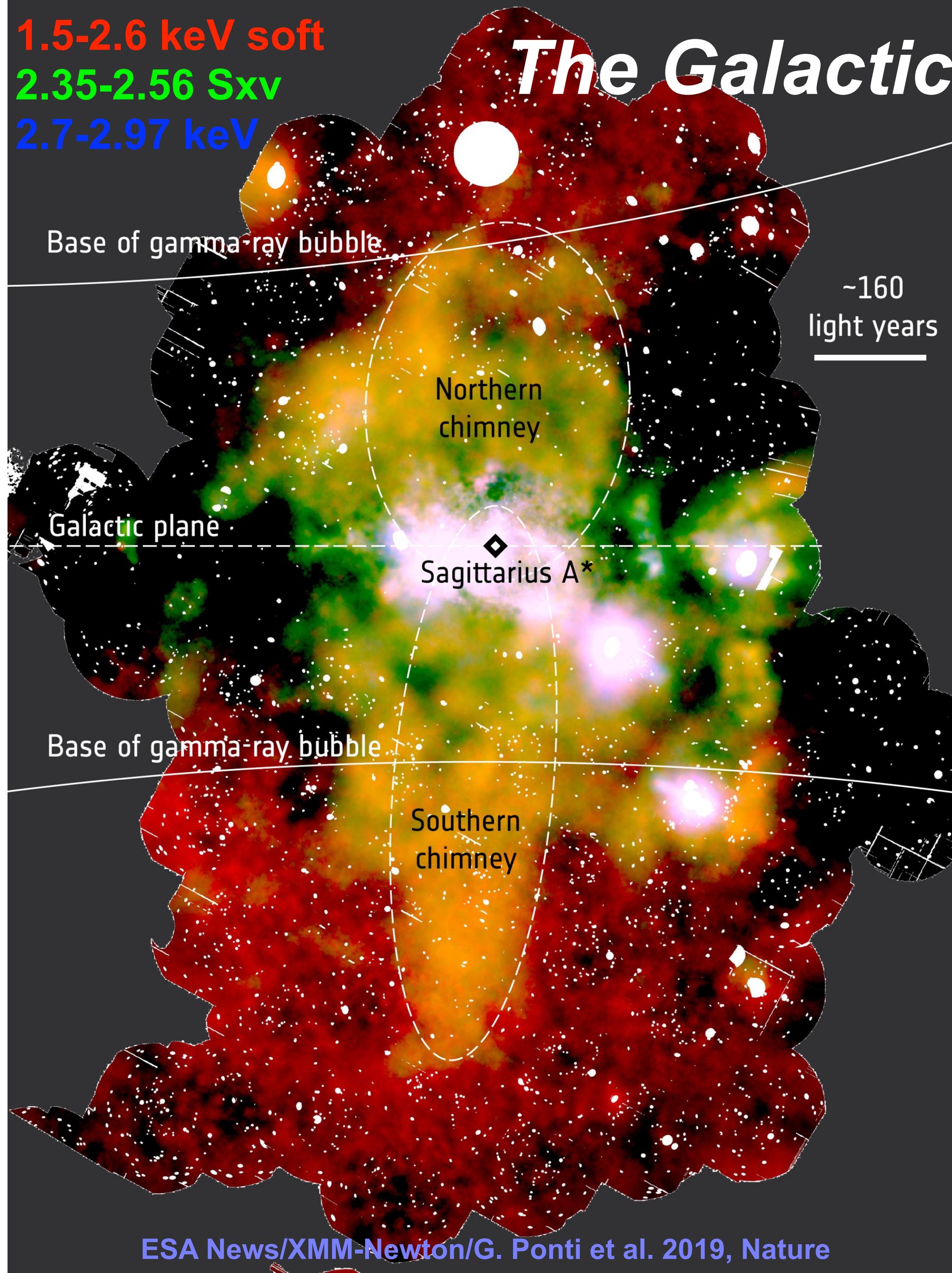




1.5-2.6 keV soft  
2.35-2.56 Sxv  
2.7-2.97 keV

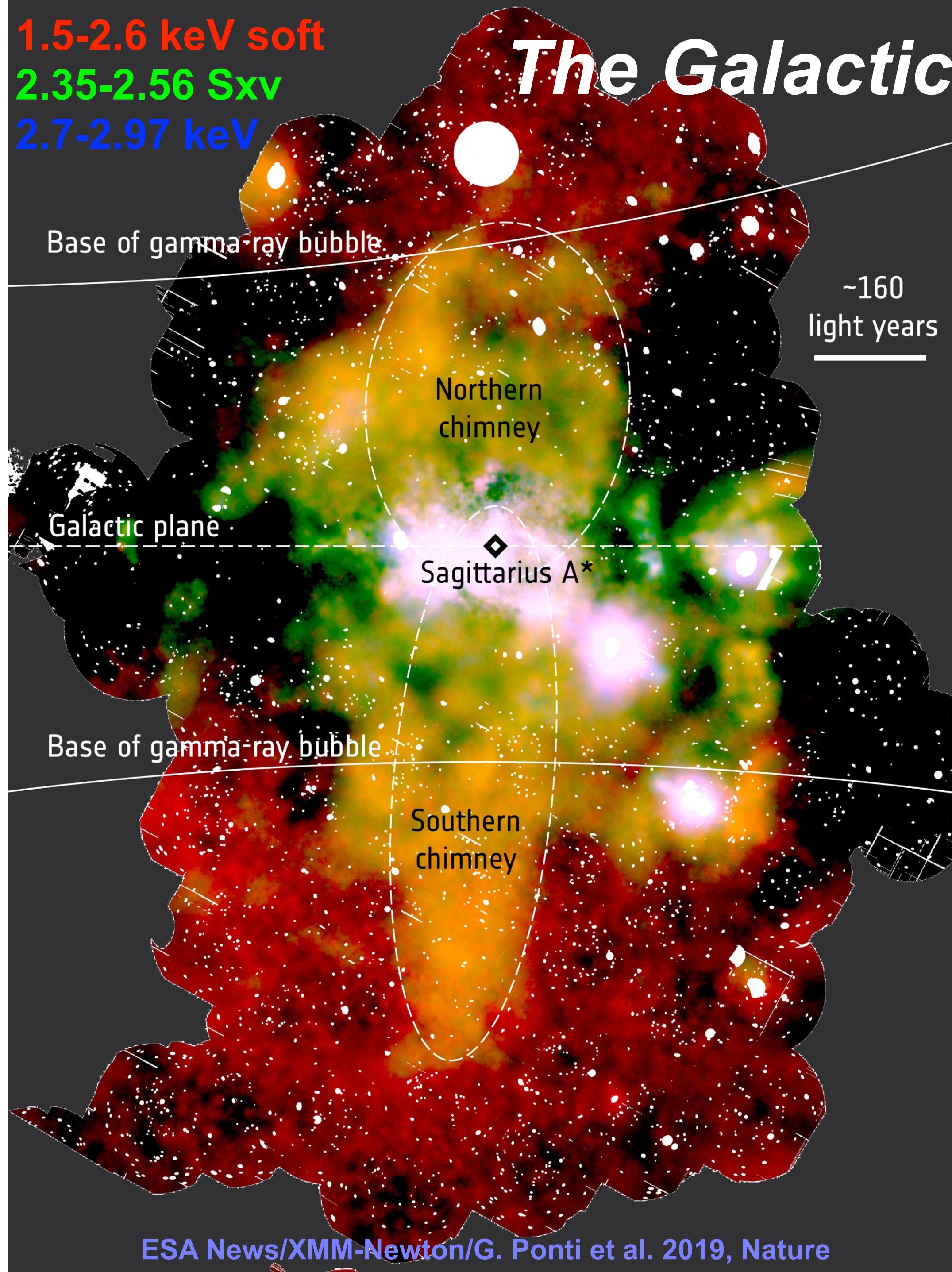
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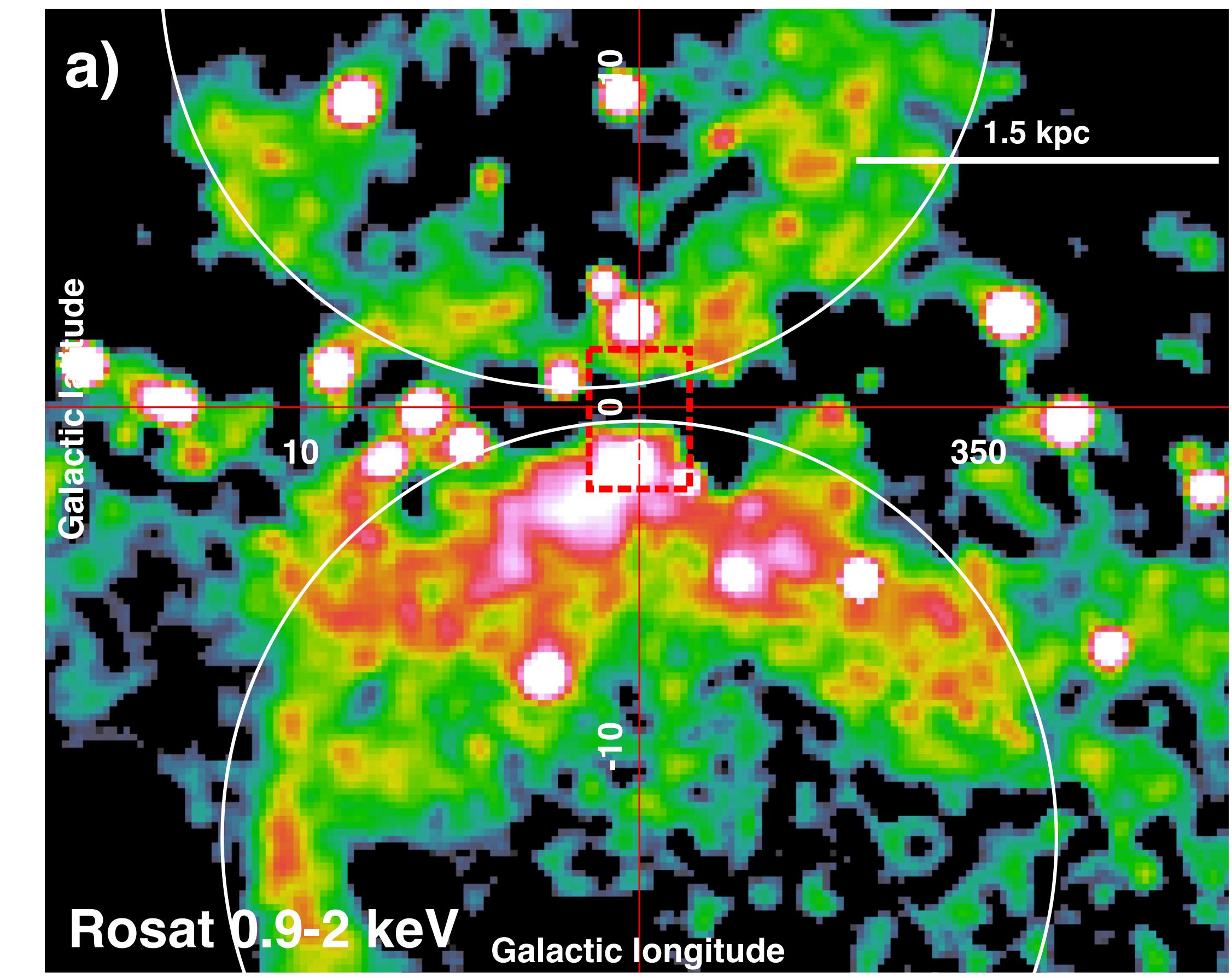
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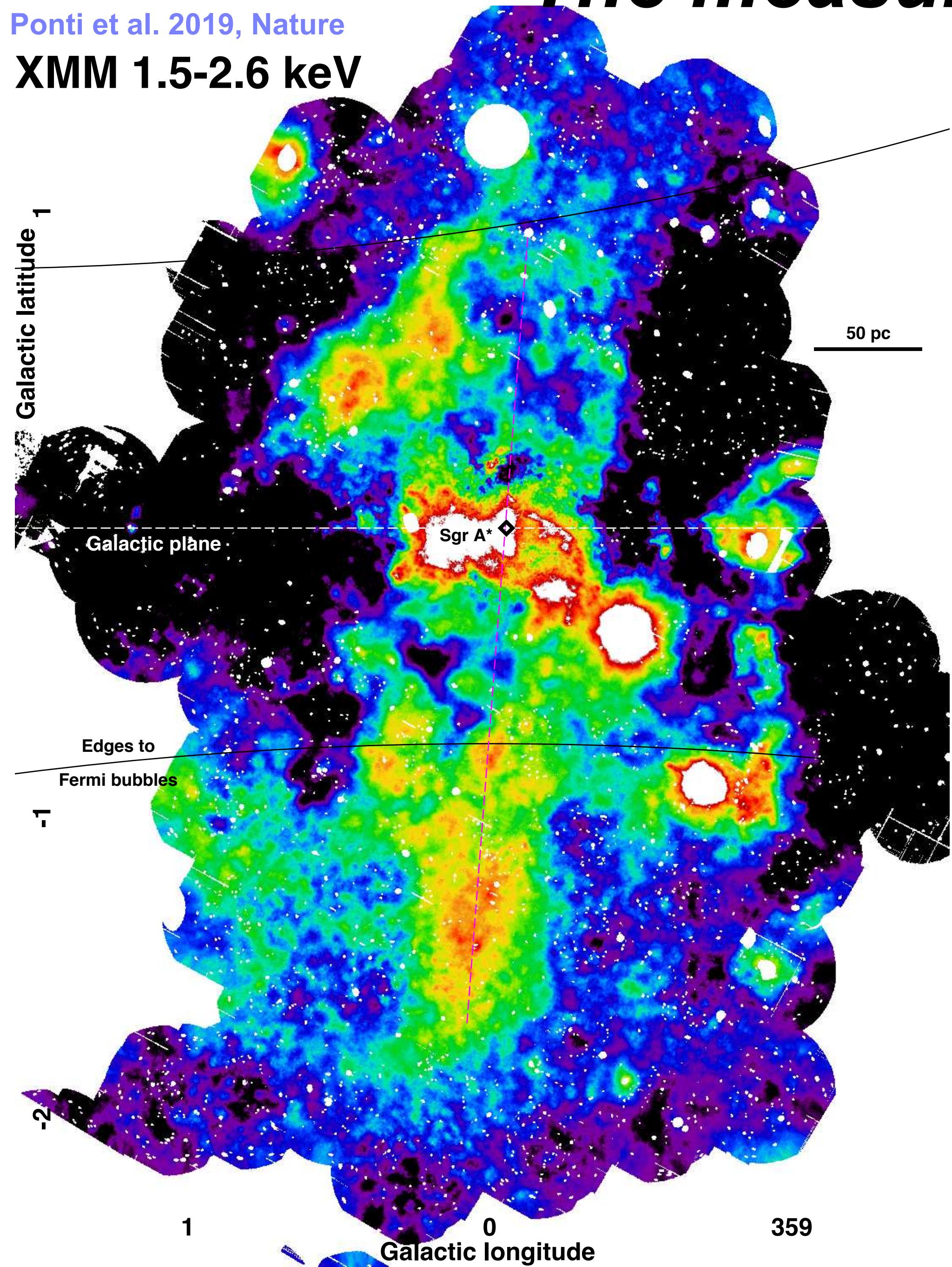
→ The Chimneys connect the central parsecs with the base of the Fermi bubbles



# *The measured physical parameters*

Ponti et al. 2019, Nature

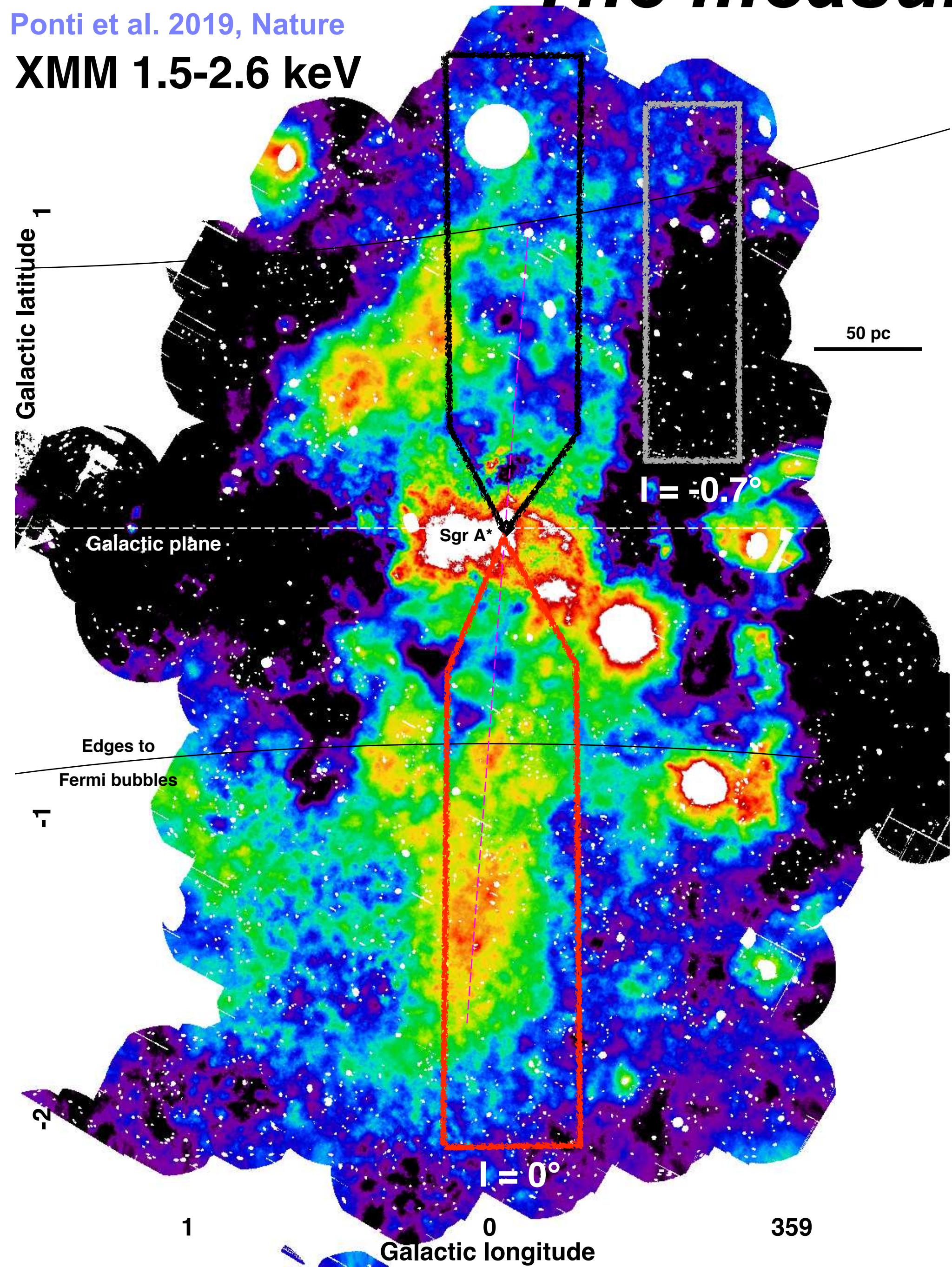
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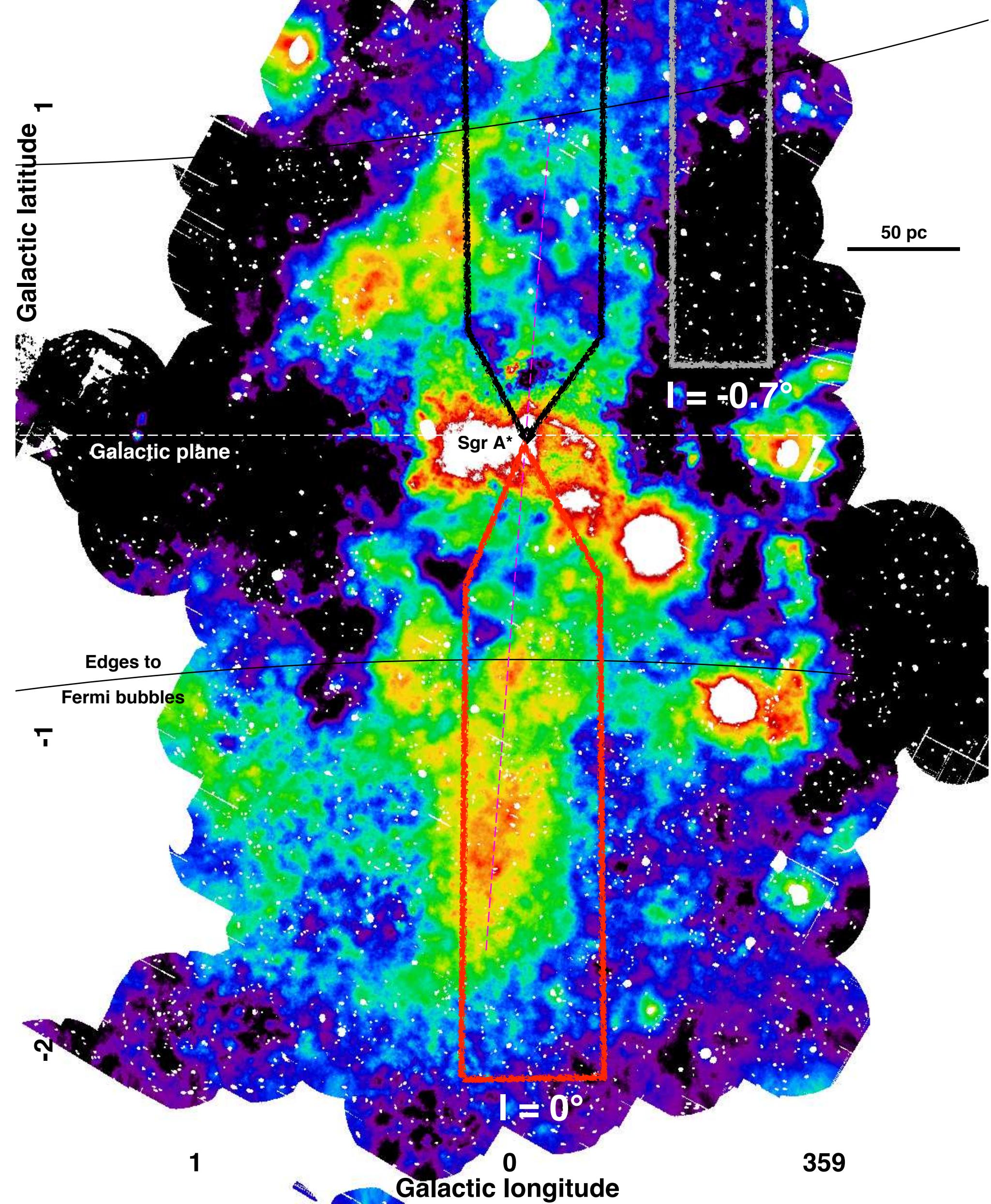
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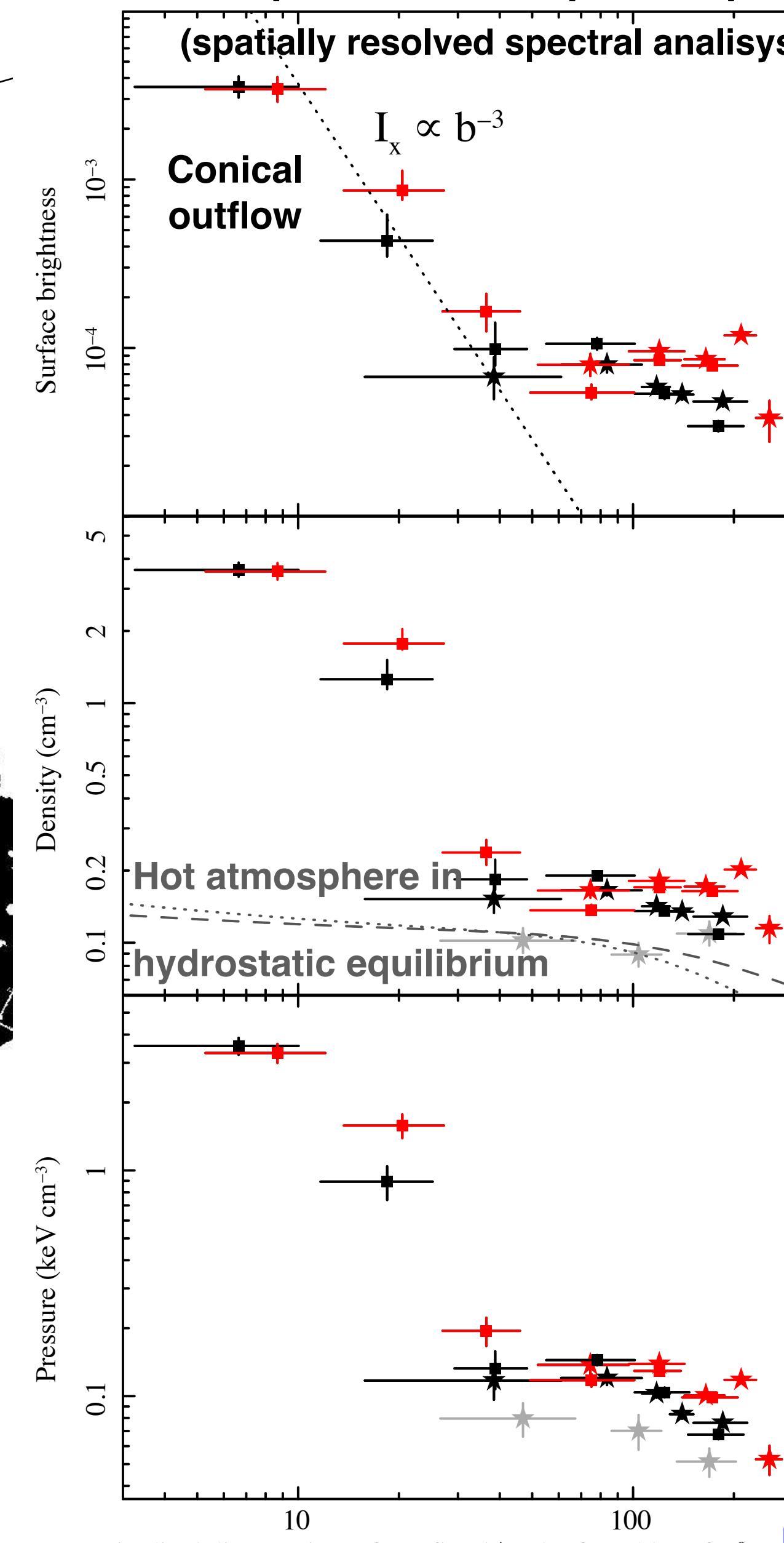
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Latitudinal profiles of hot plasma properties



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Galactic latitude  $l = 0^\circ$

Galactic plane

Edges to  
Fermi bubbles

1

Galactic longitude

0

359

Latitudinal profiles of hot plasma properties

(spatially resolved spectral analysis)

$$I_x \propto b^{-3}$$

Conical  
outflow

Hot atmosphere in  
hydrostatic equilibrium

1

0.1

10<sup>-1</sup>

10<sup>-2</sup>

10<sup>-3</sup>

10<sup>-4</sup>

5

2

1

0.5

0.2

0.1

0.05

0.02

0.01

0.005

0.002

0.001

0.0005

0.0002

Latitudinal distance in pc from Sgr A\* at  $l = 0^\circ$  and  $l = -0.7^\circ$

Ponti et al. 2019, Nature

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Galactic latitude 1

Galactic plane

Edges to  
Fermi bubbles

-2

1

0

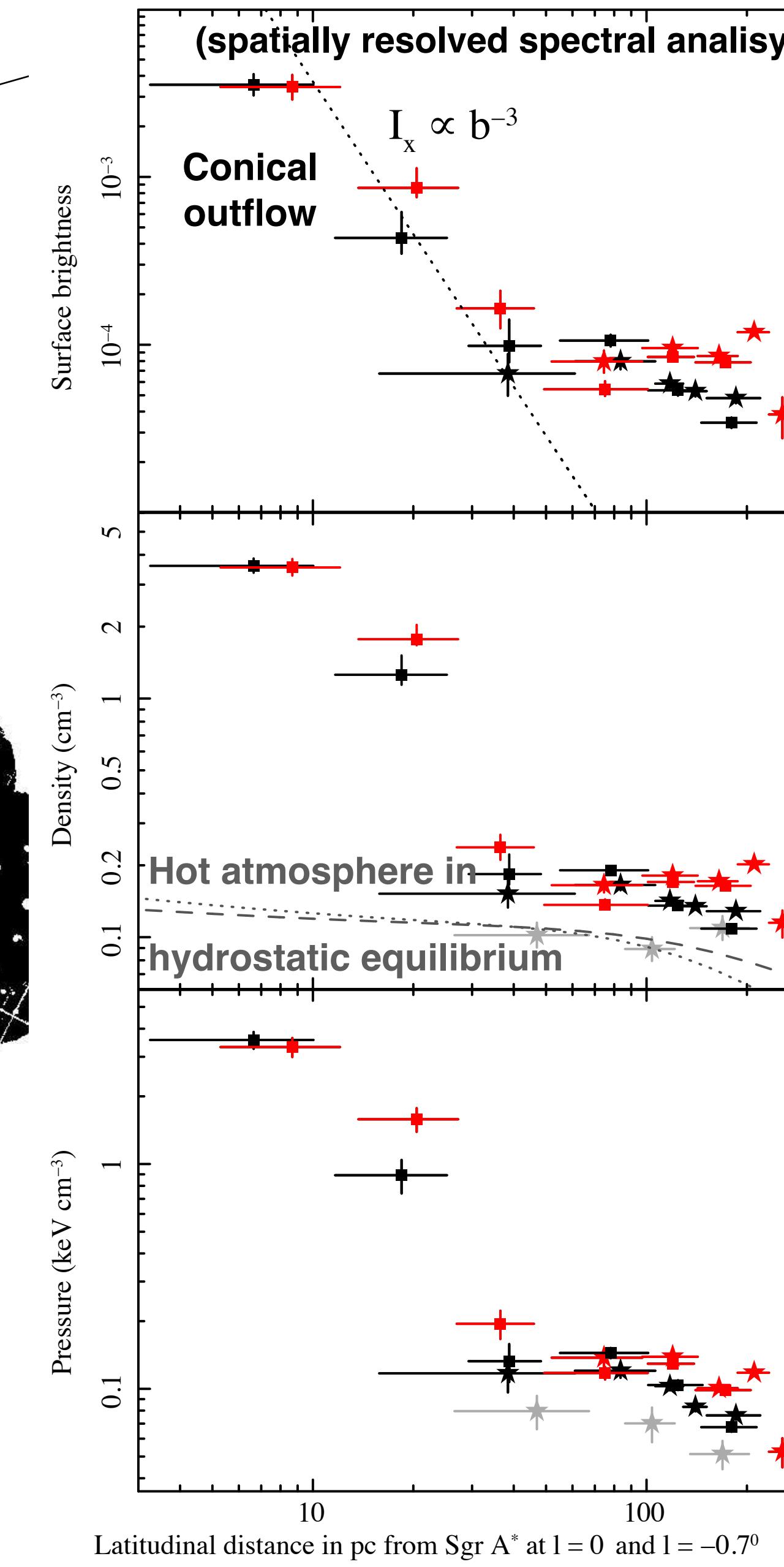
359

Galactic longitude

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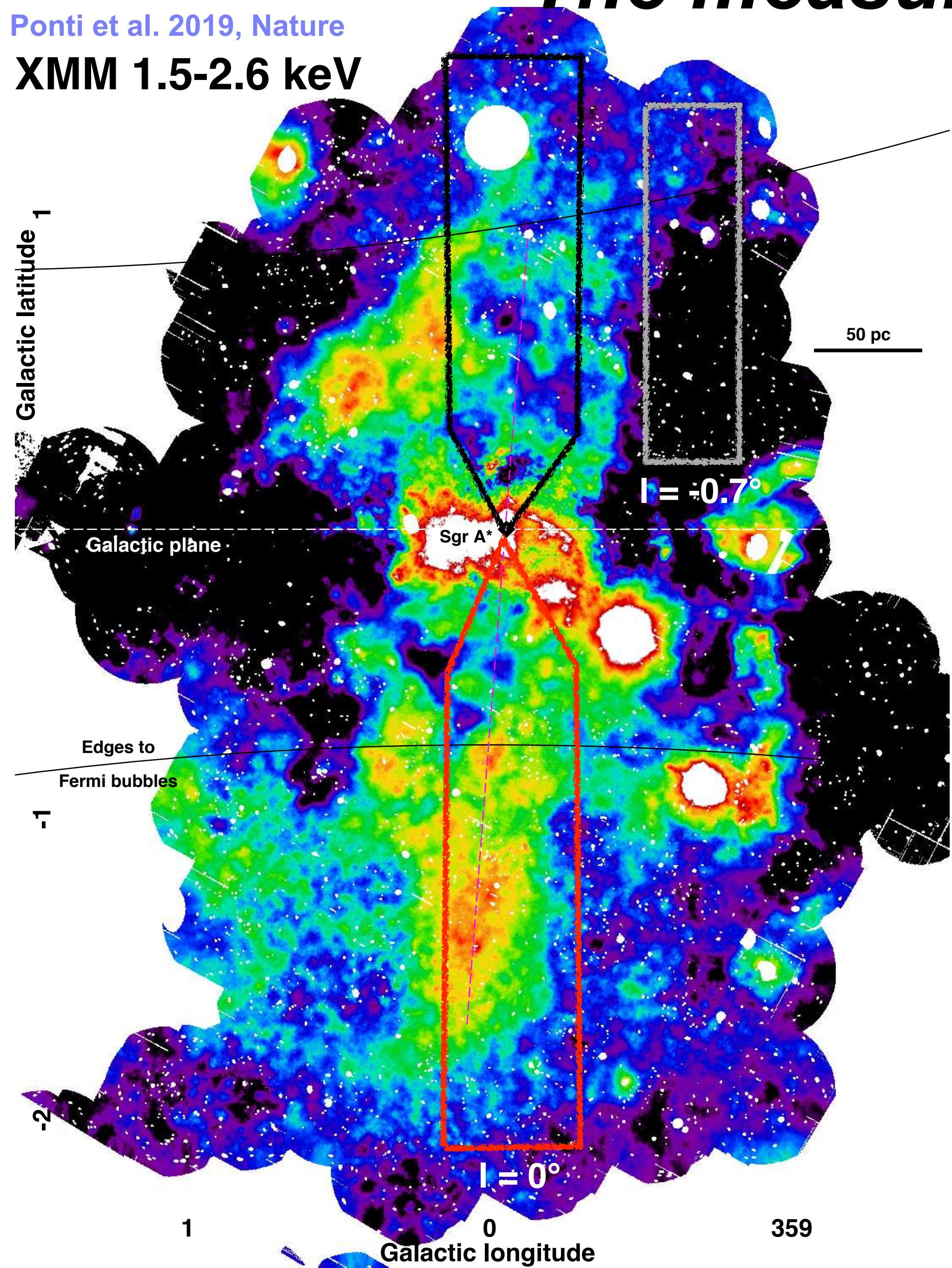
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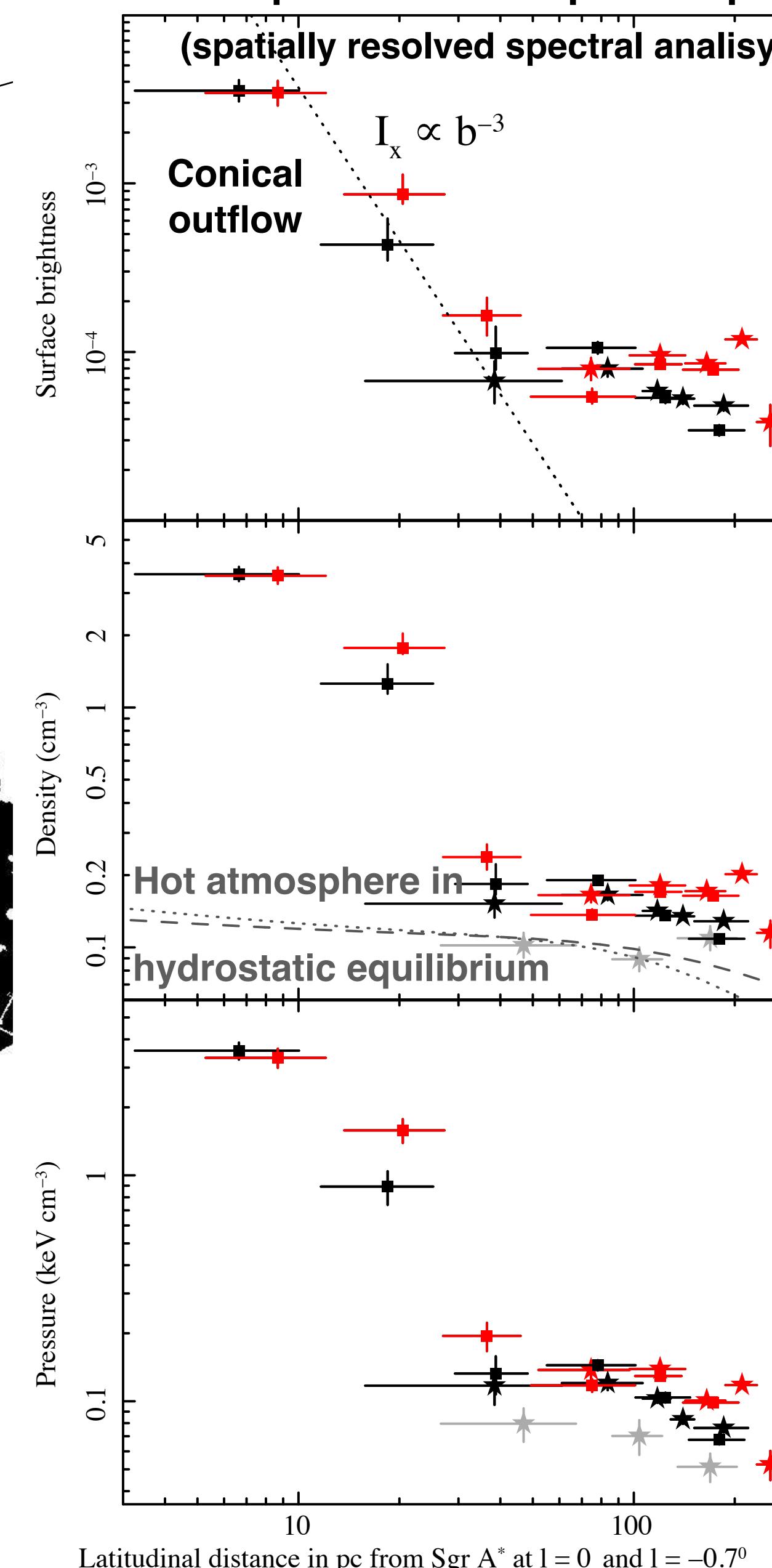
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Ponti et al. 2019, Nature

XMM 1.5-2.6 keV

Galactic latitude 1

Galactic plane

Edges to  
Fermi bubbles

Galactic longitude

Galactic longitude

0 359

$l = 0^\circ$

$l = -0.7^\circ$

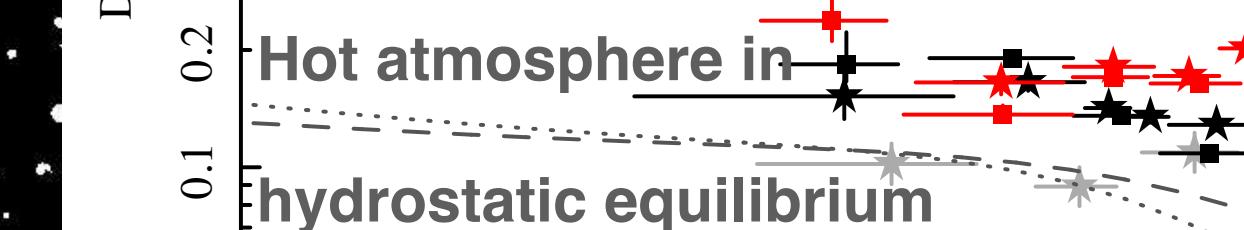
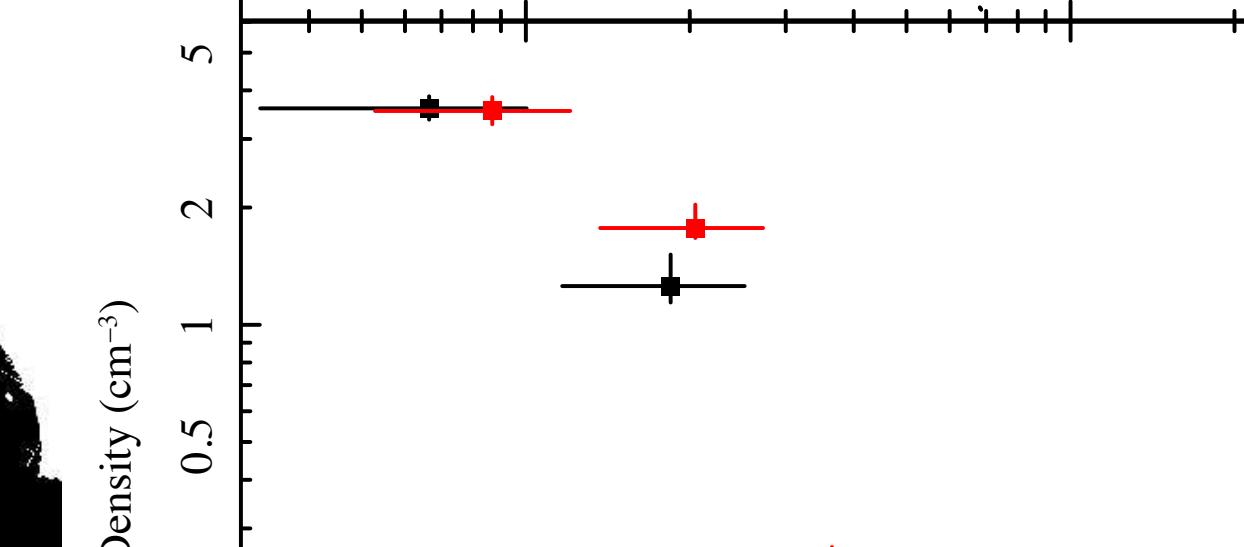
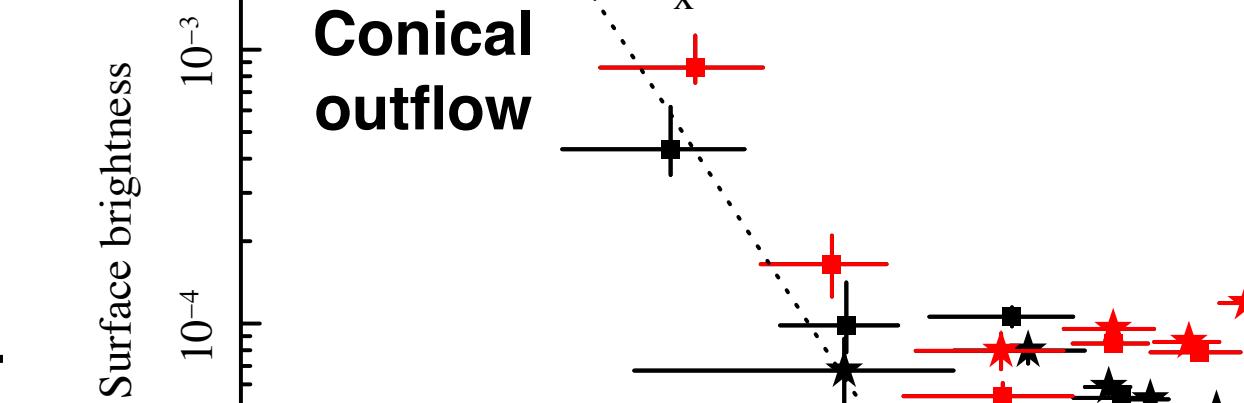
50 pc

Latitudinal profiles of hot plasma properties

(spatially resolved spectral analysis)

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$l = 0^\circ$

0

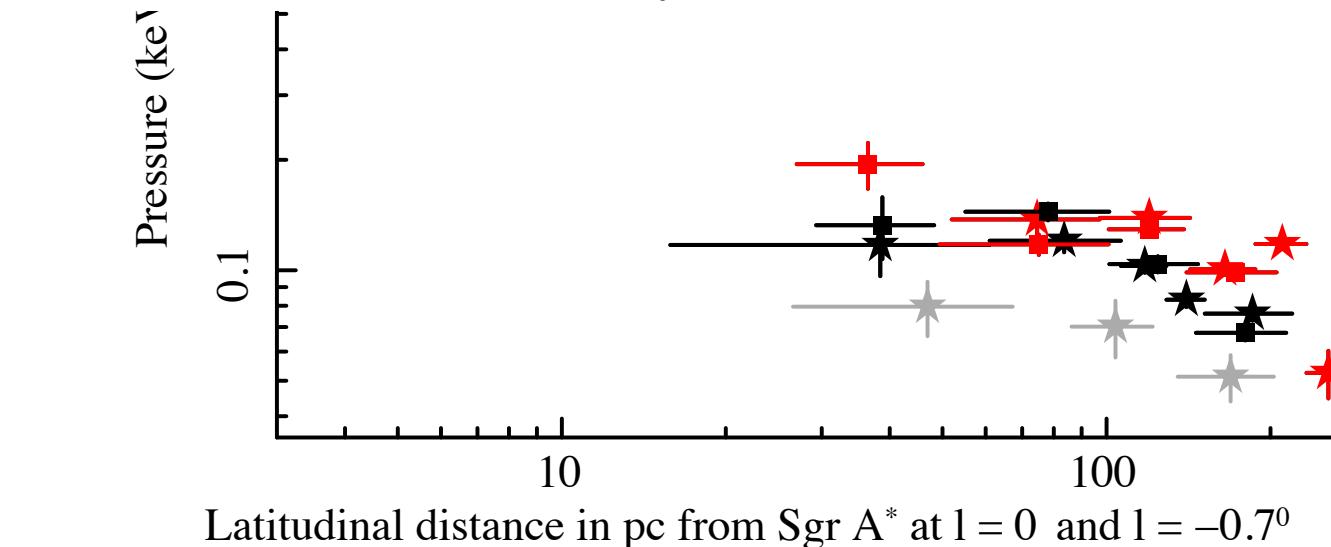
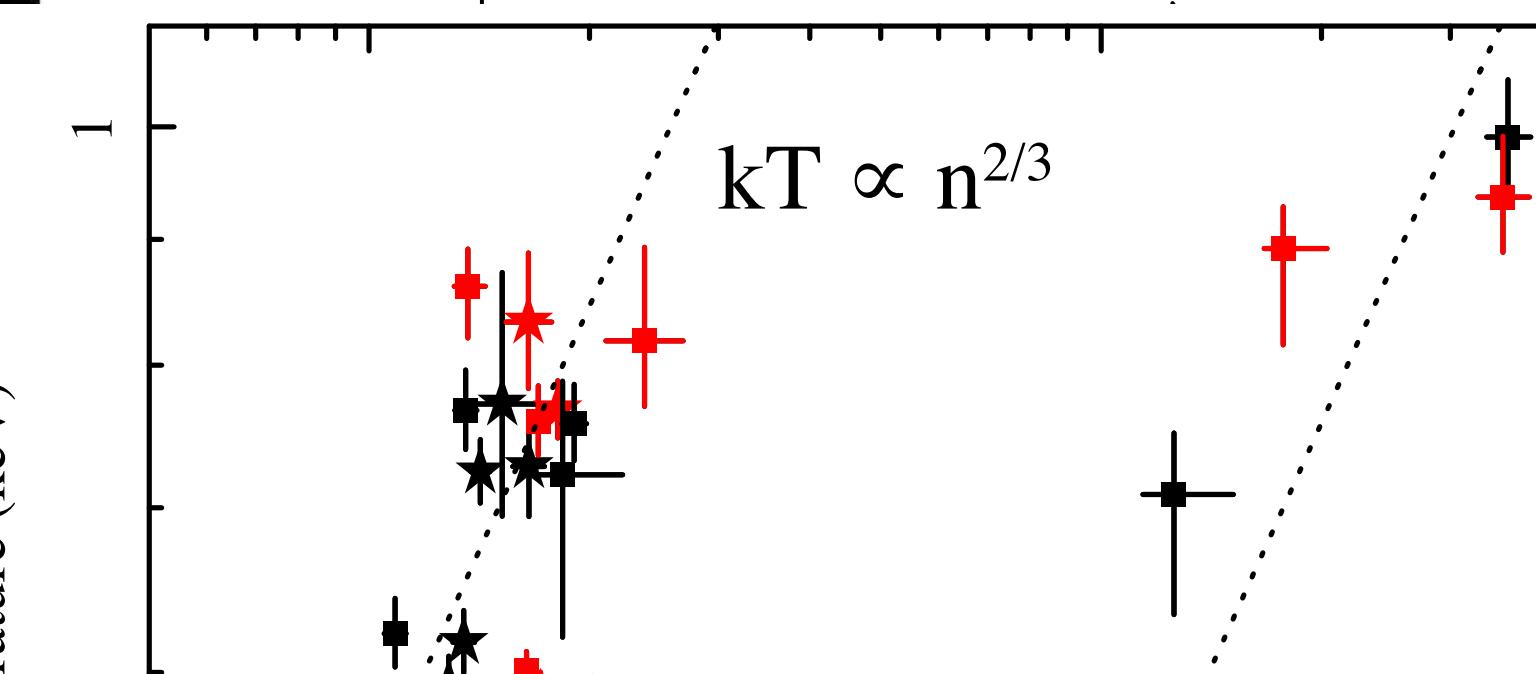
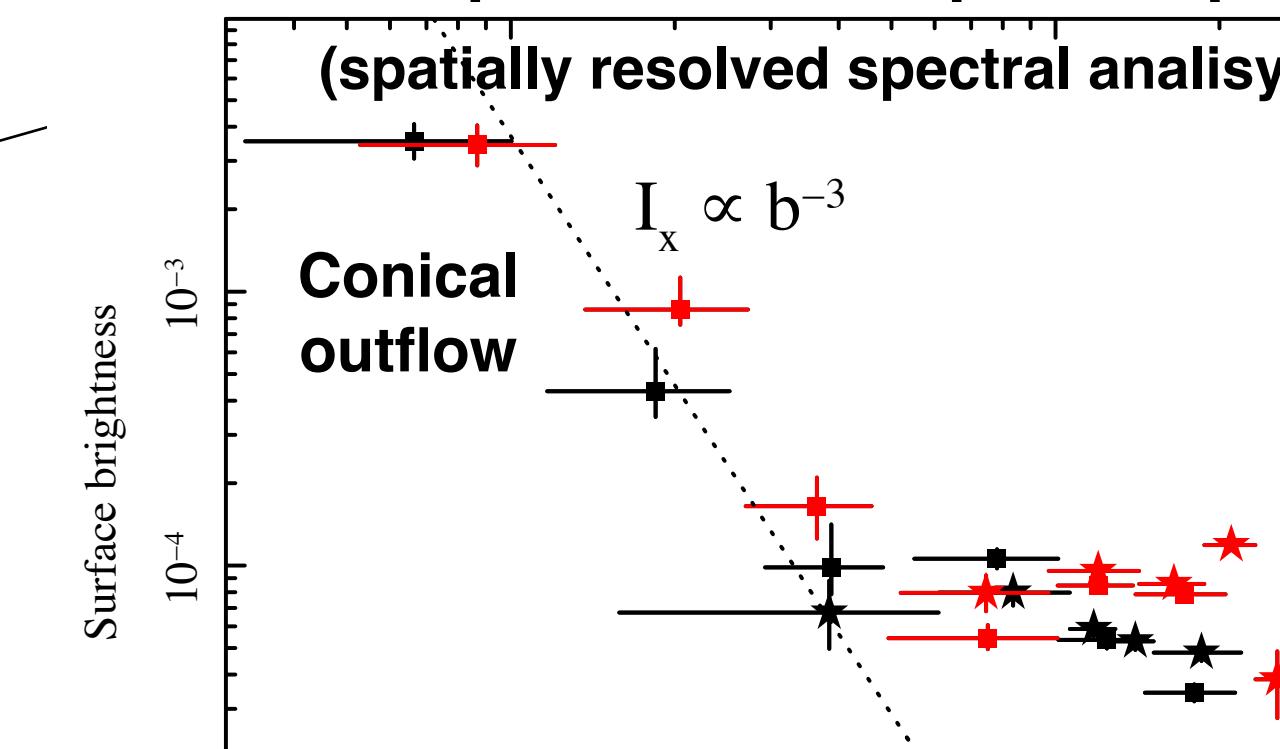
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Galactic longitude

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Galactic plane

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-1

-2

1

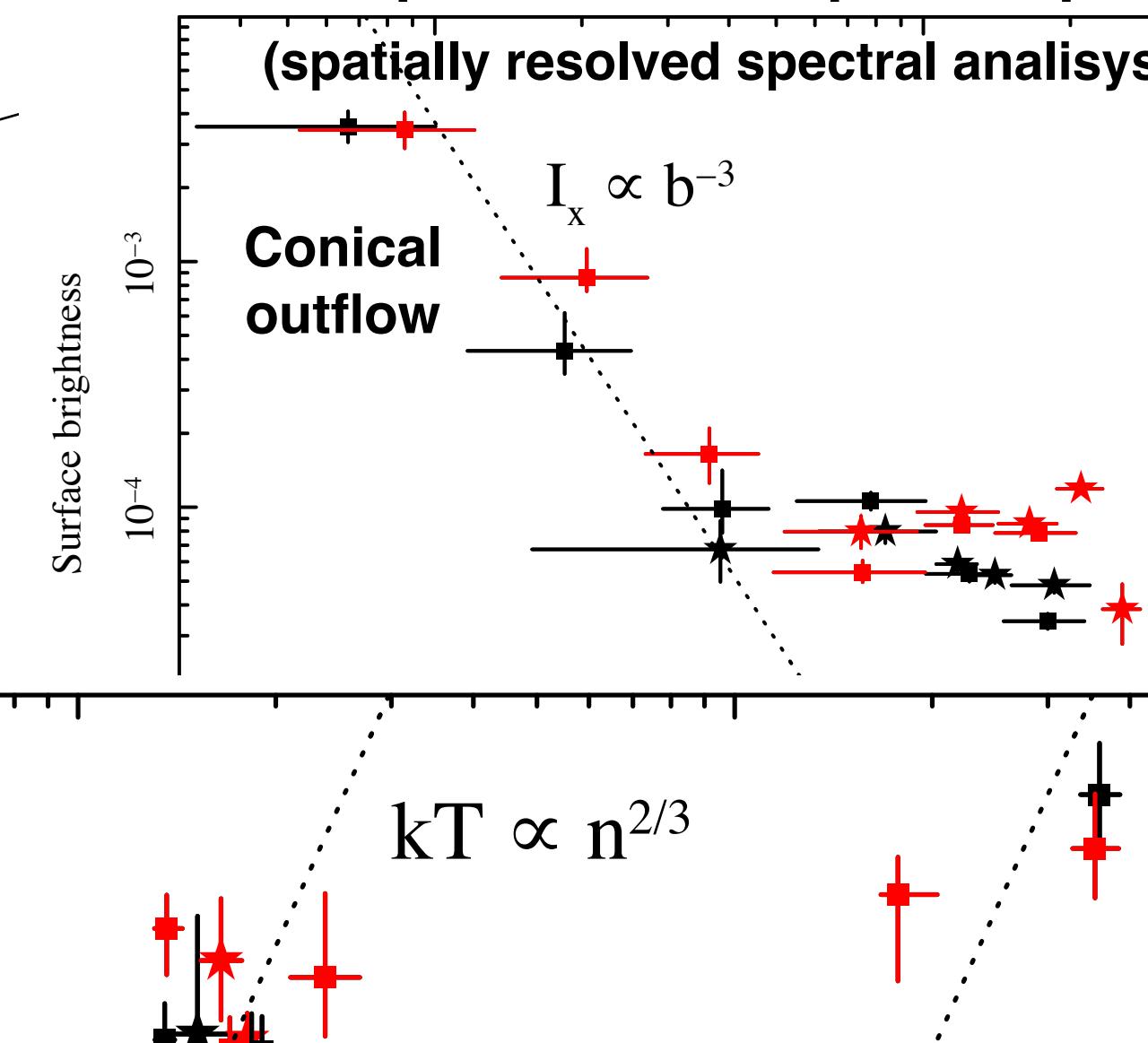
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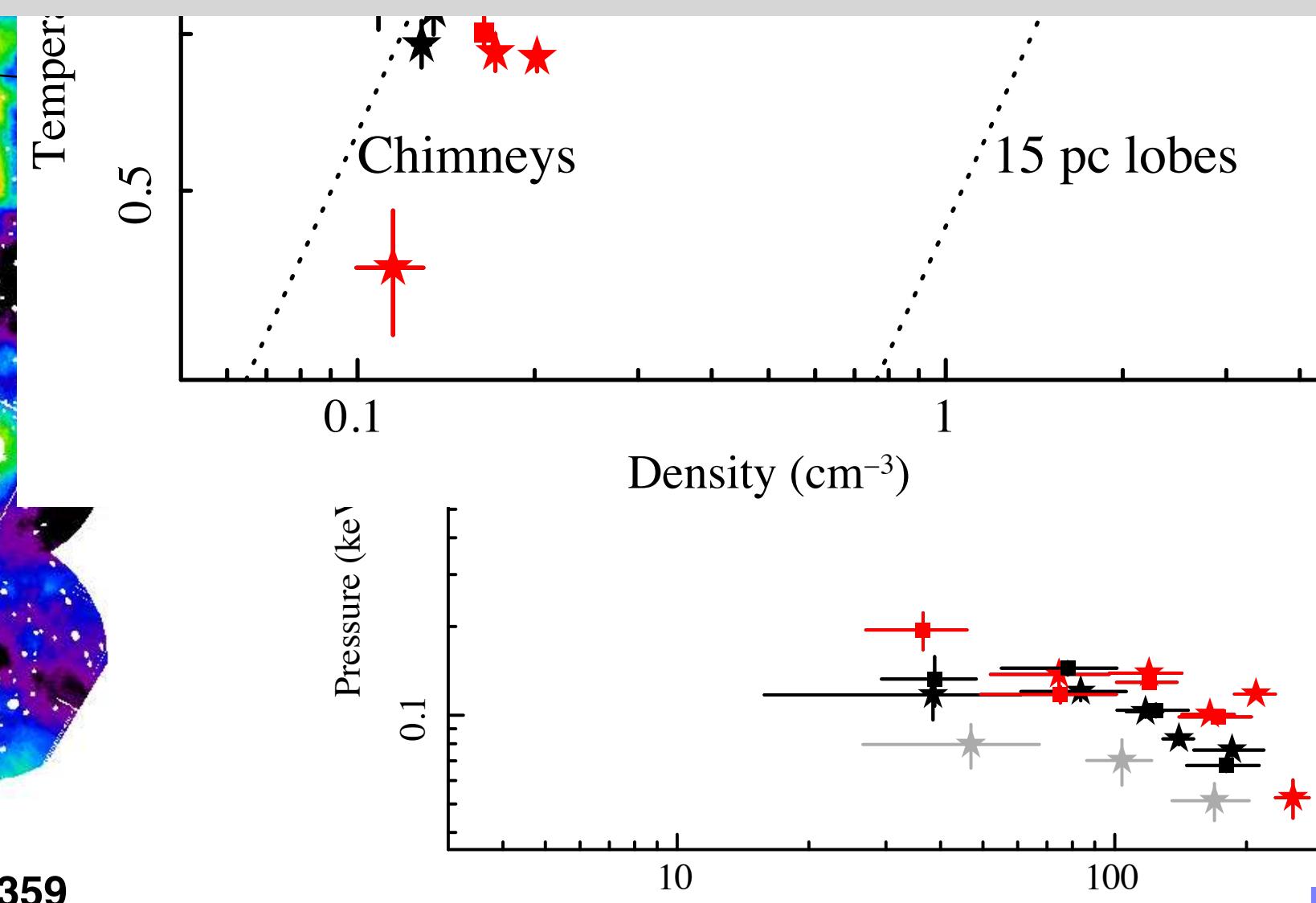
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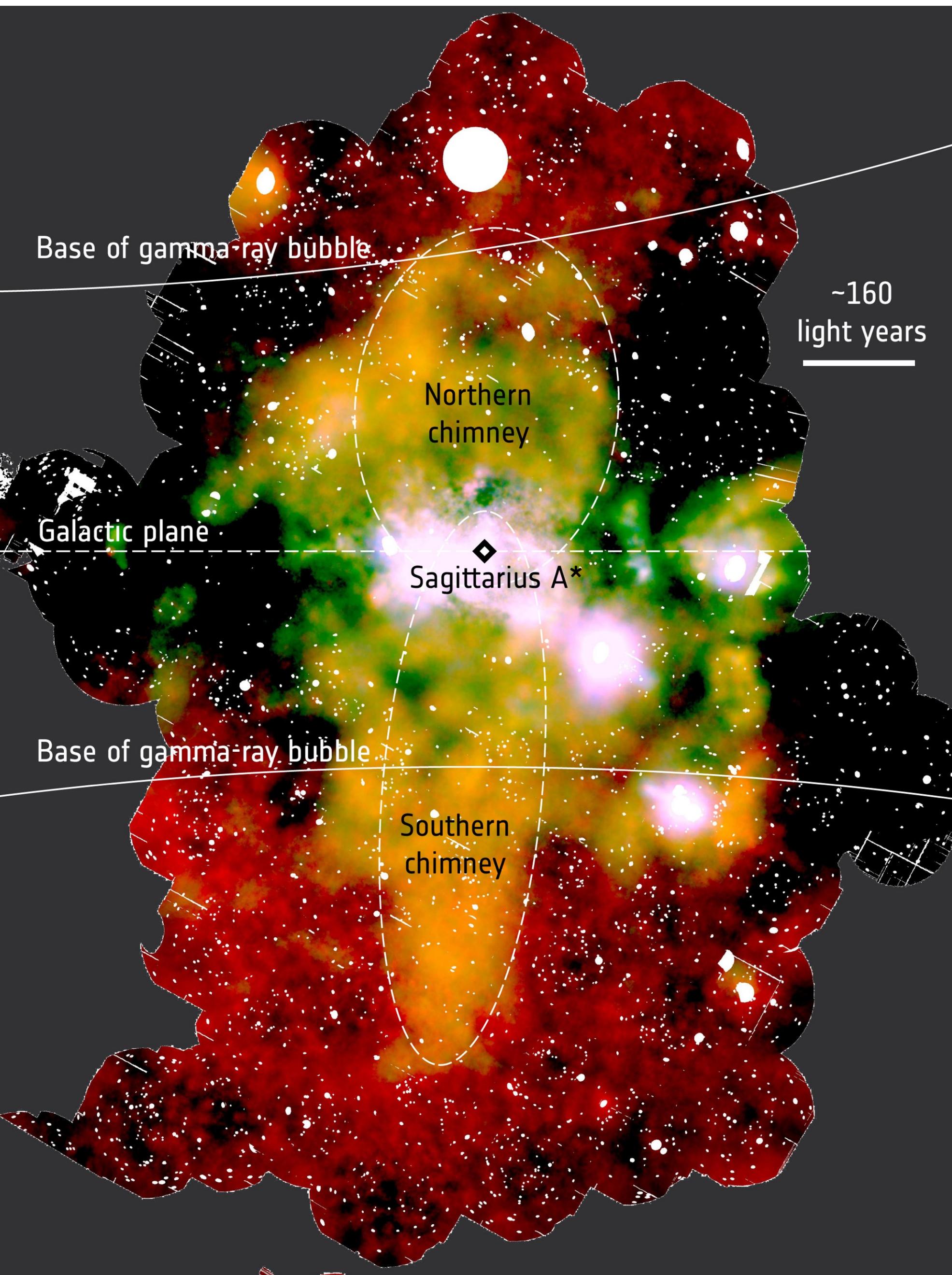
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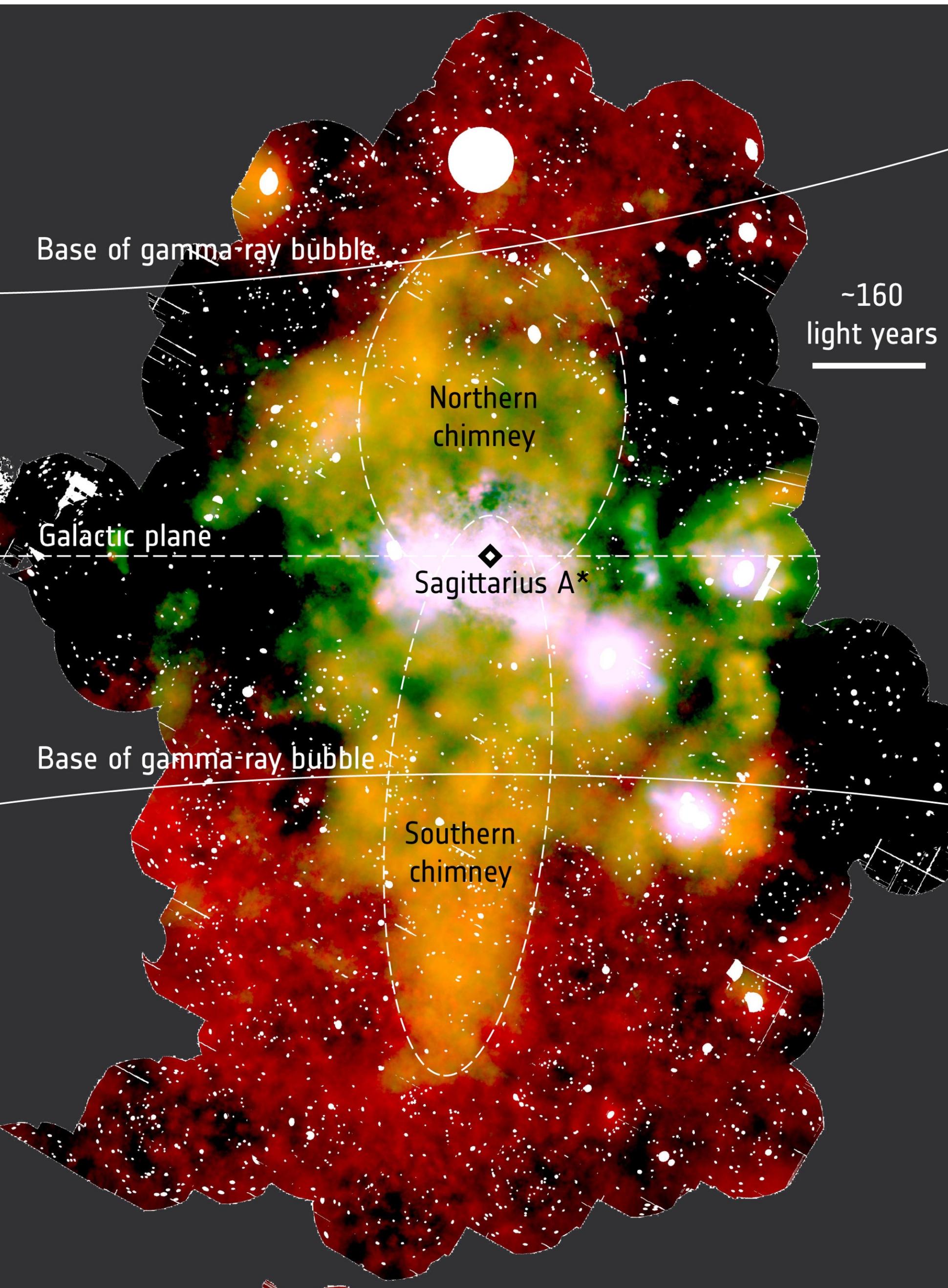


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# Possible physical pictures of the outflow

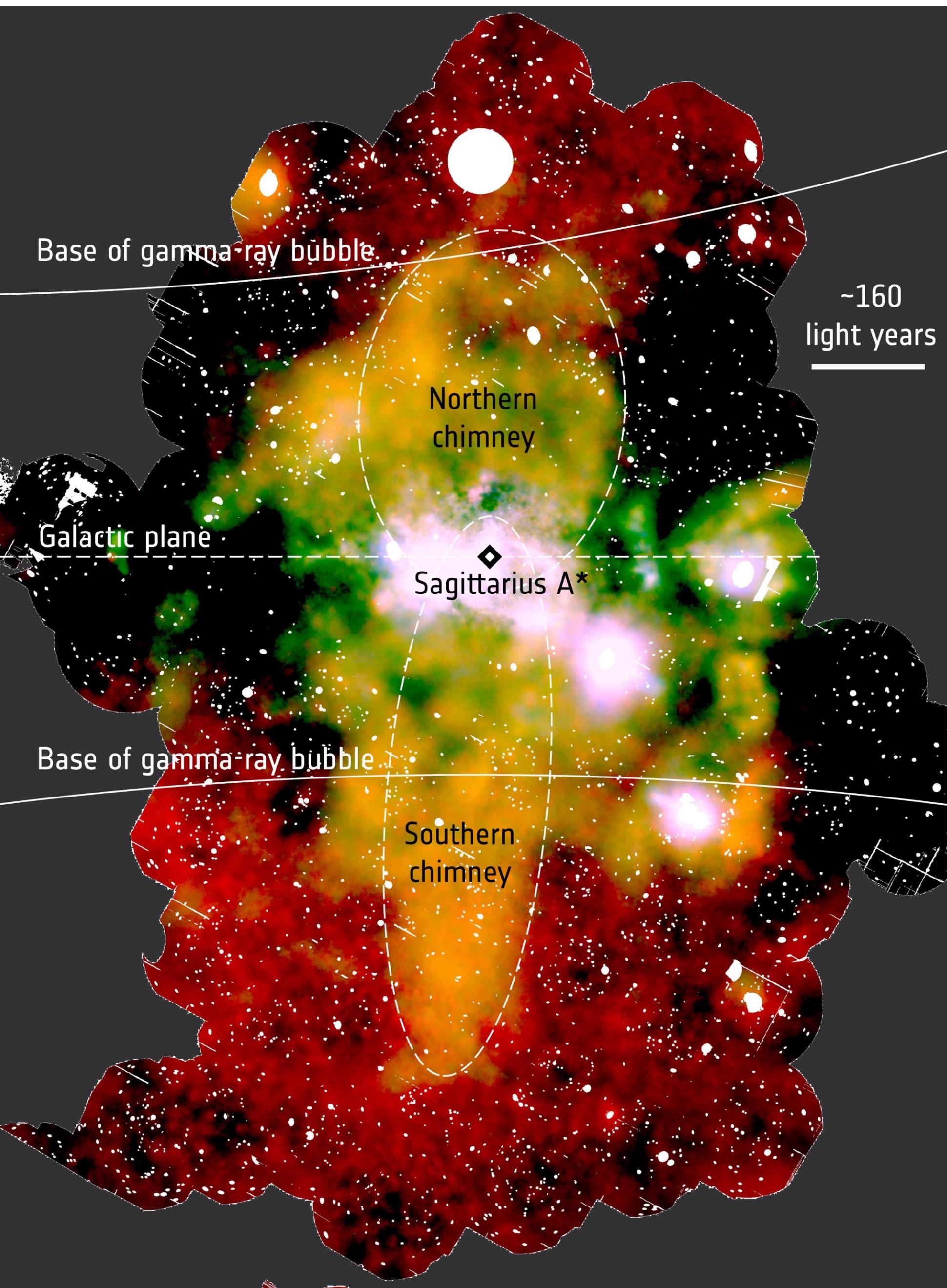


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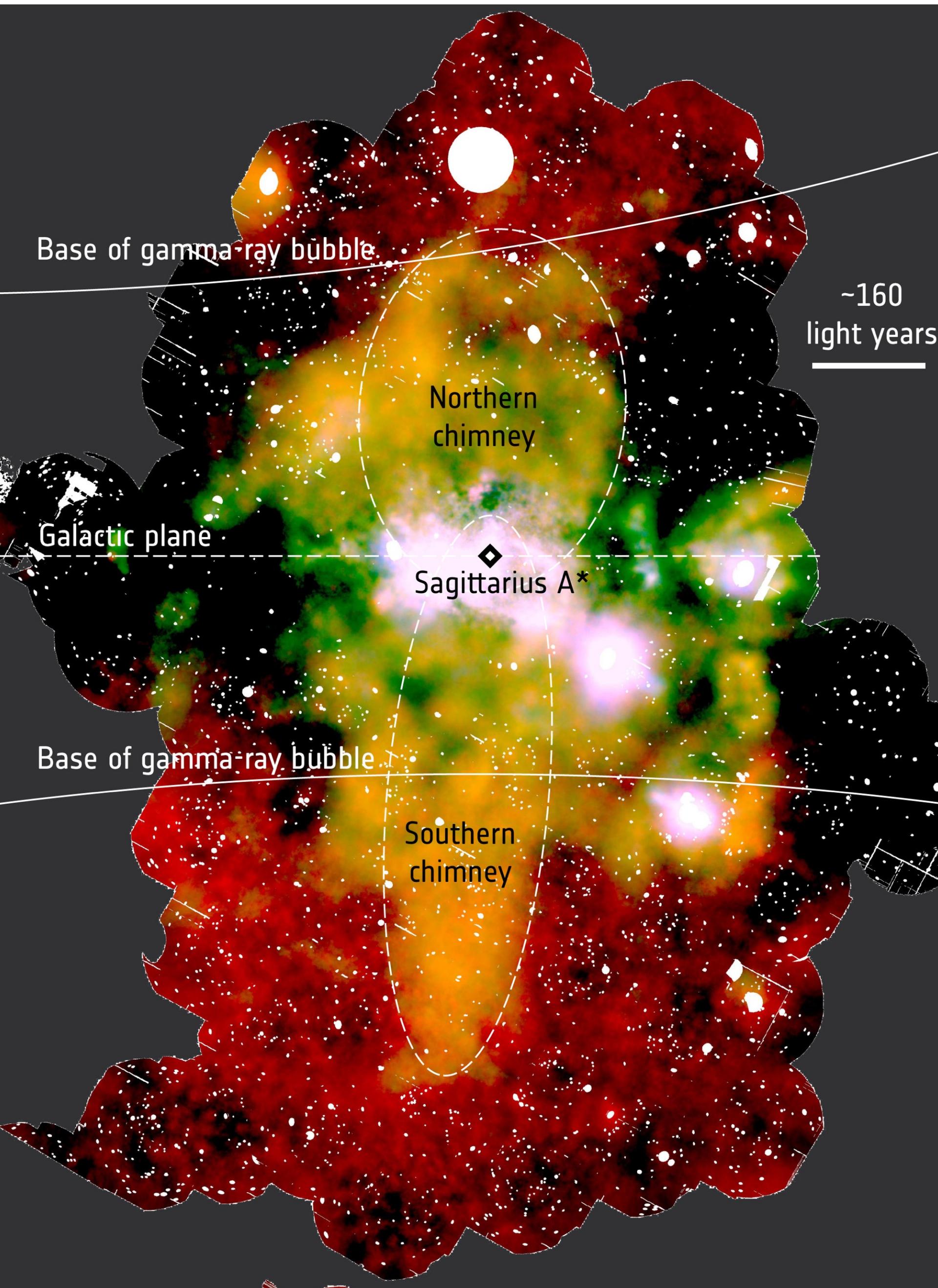
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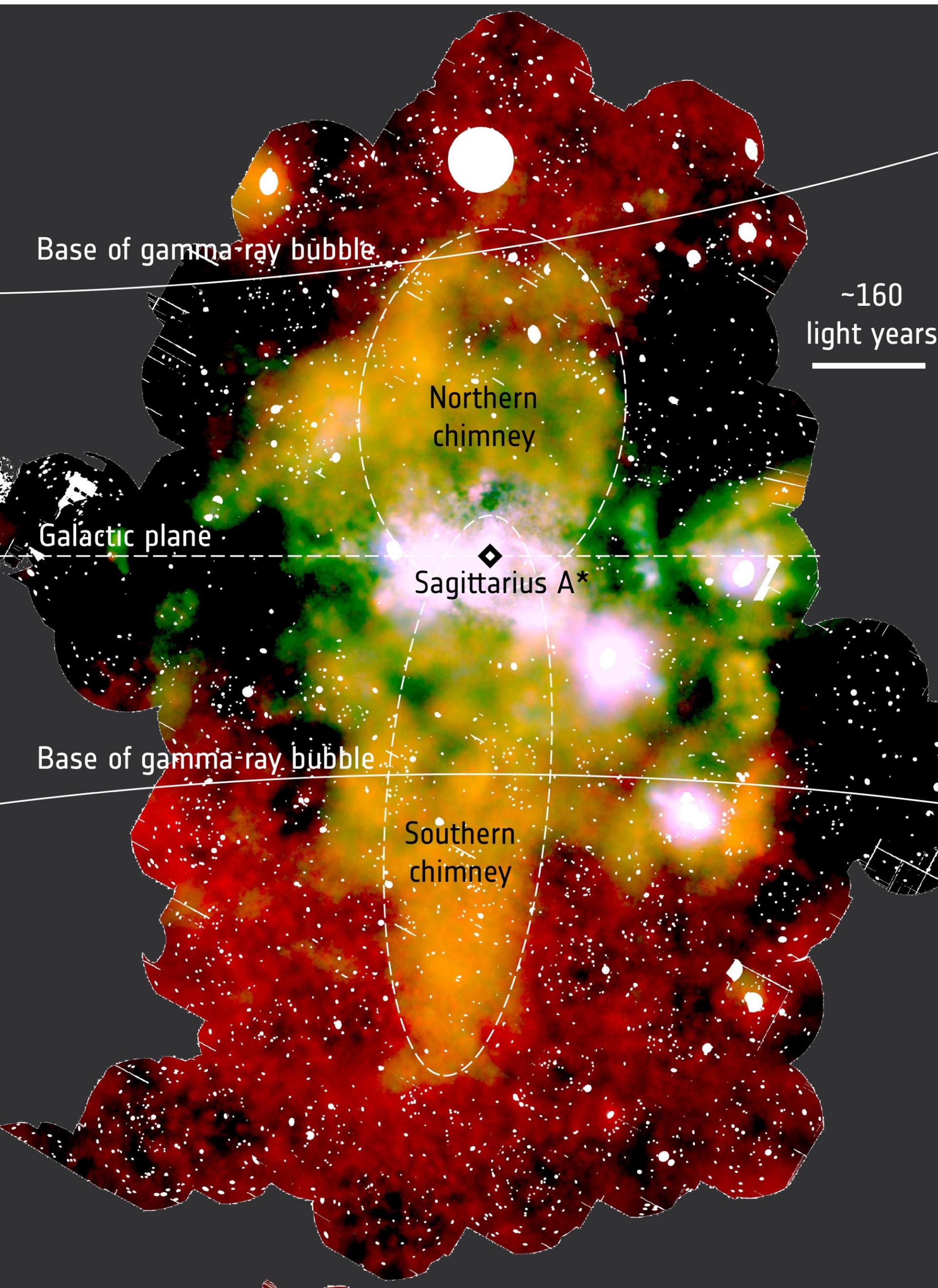
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Still ongoing (but lower rate)

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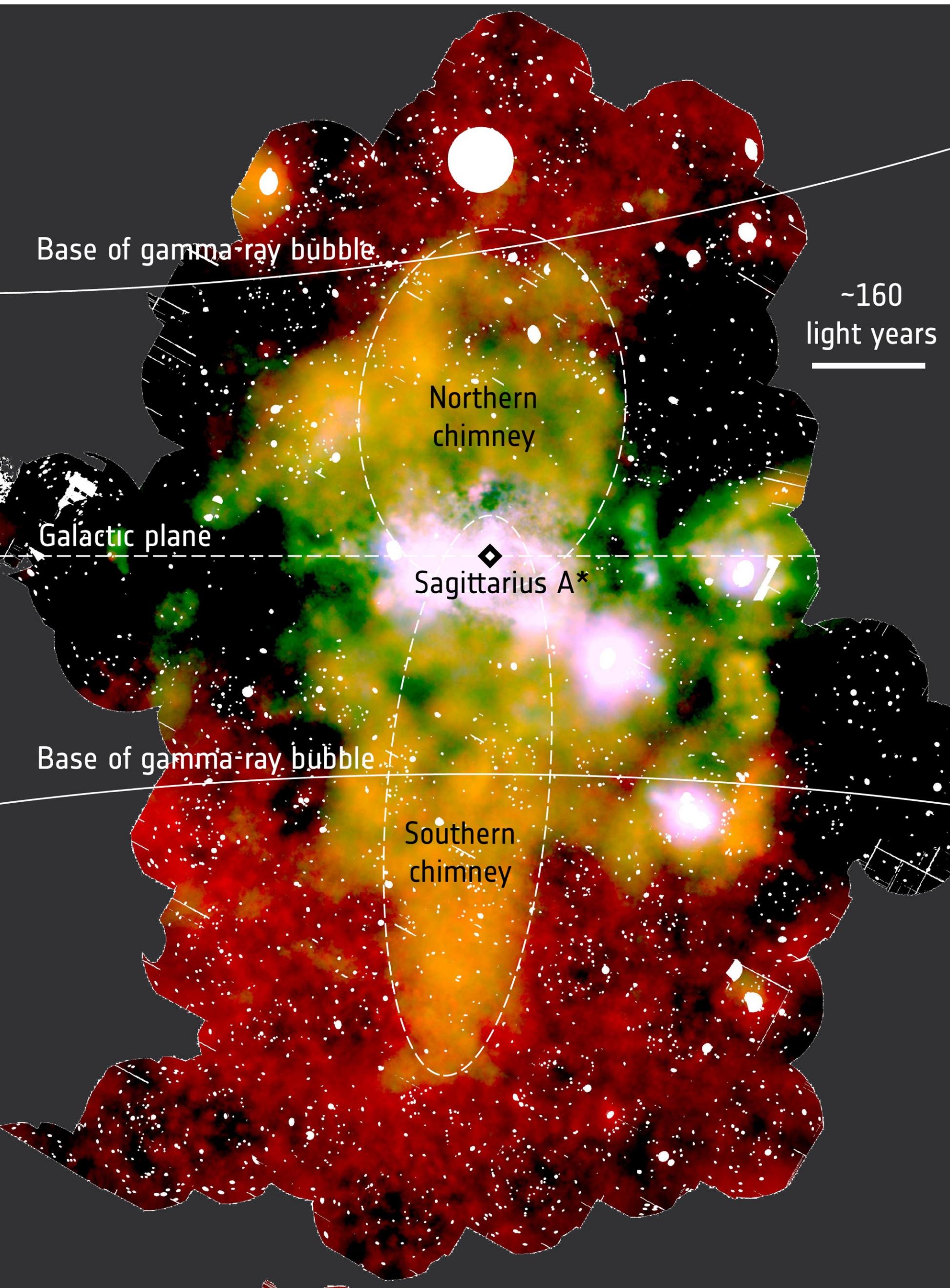
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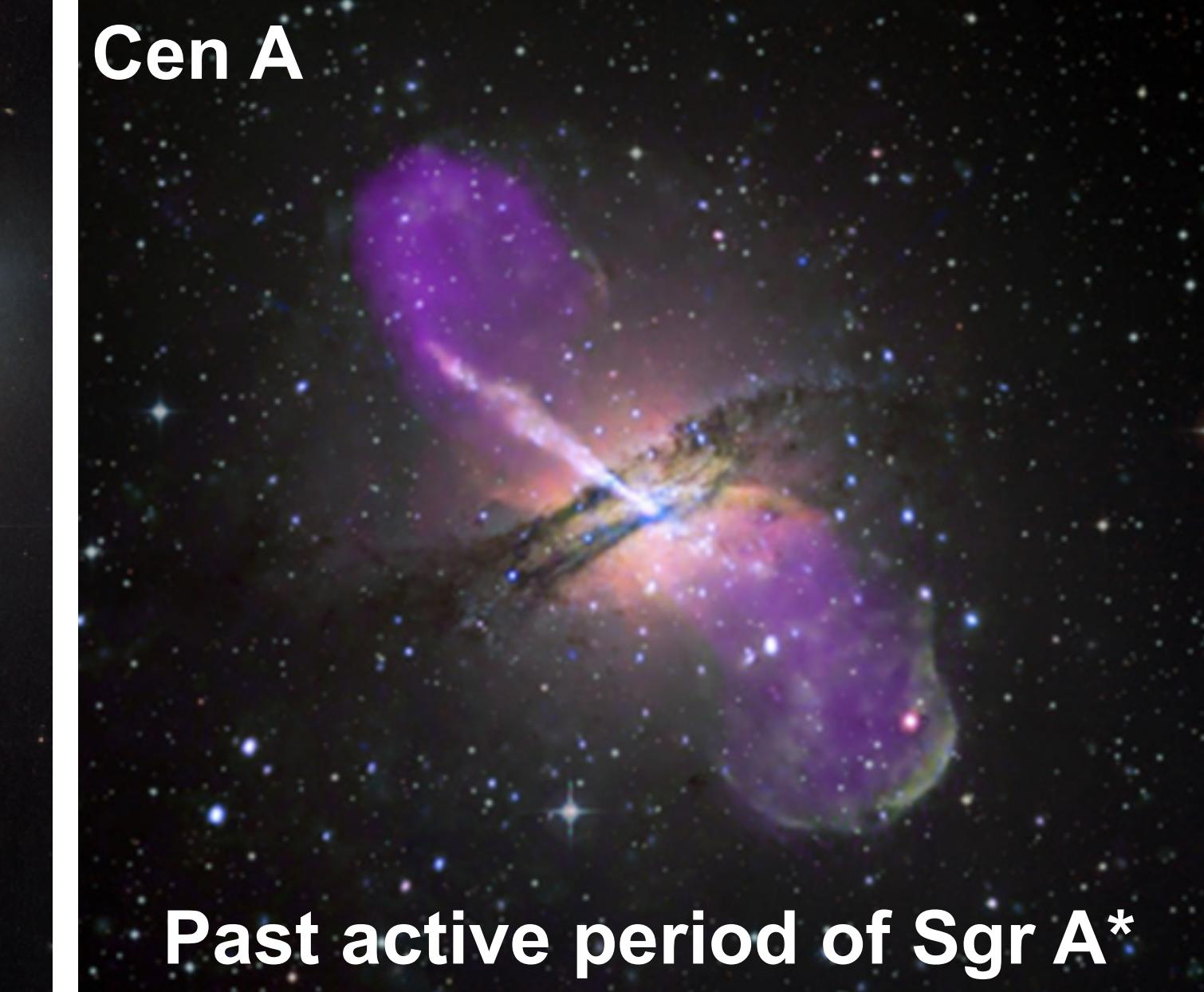
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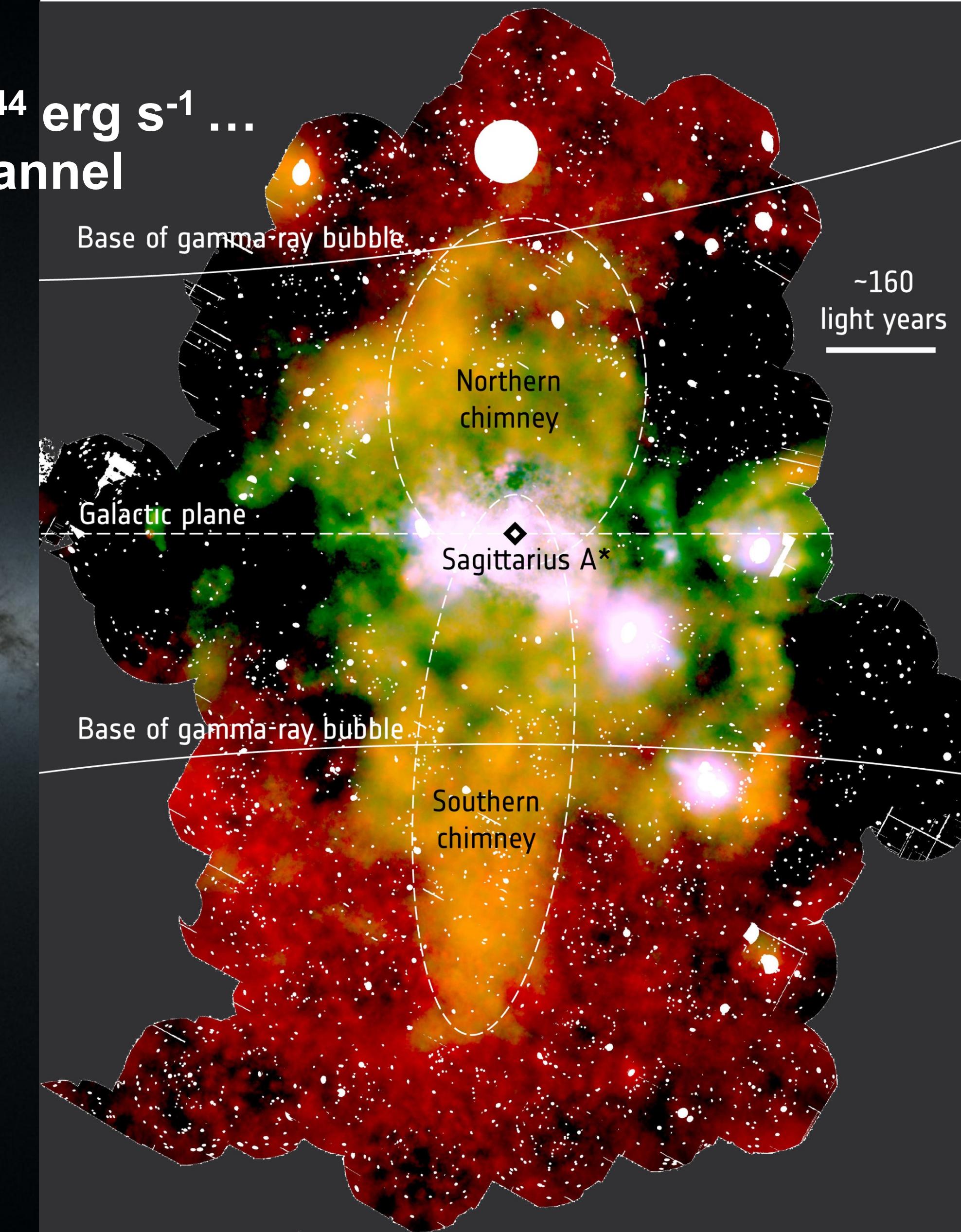


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$\rightarrow$  Chimney's might be remnants of a past (much more powerful)  
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# *The channel feeding the Fermi bubbles*

To inflate Fermi bubbles  $L \sim 10^{40-44}$  erg s<sup>-1</sup> ...  
→ Chimneys can be this channel

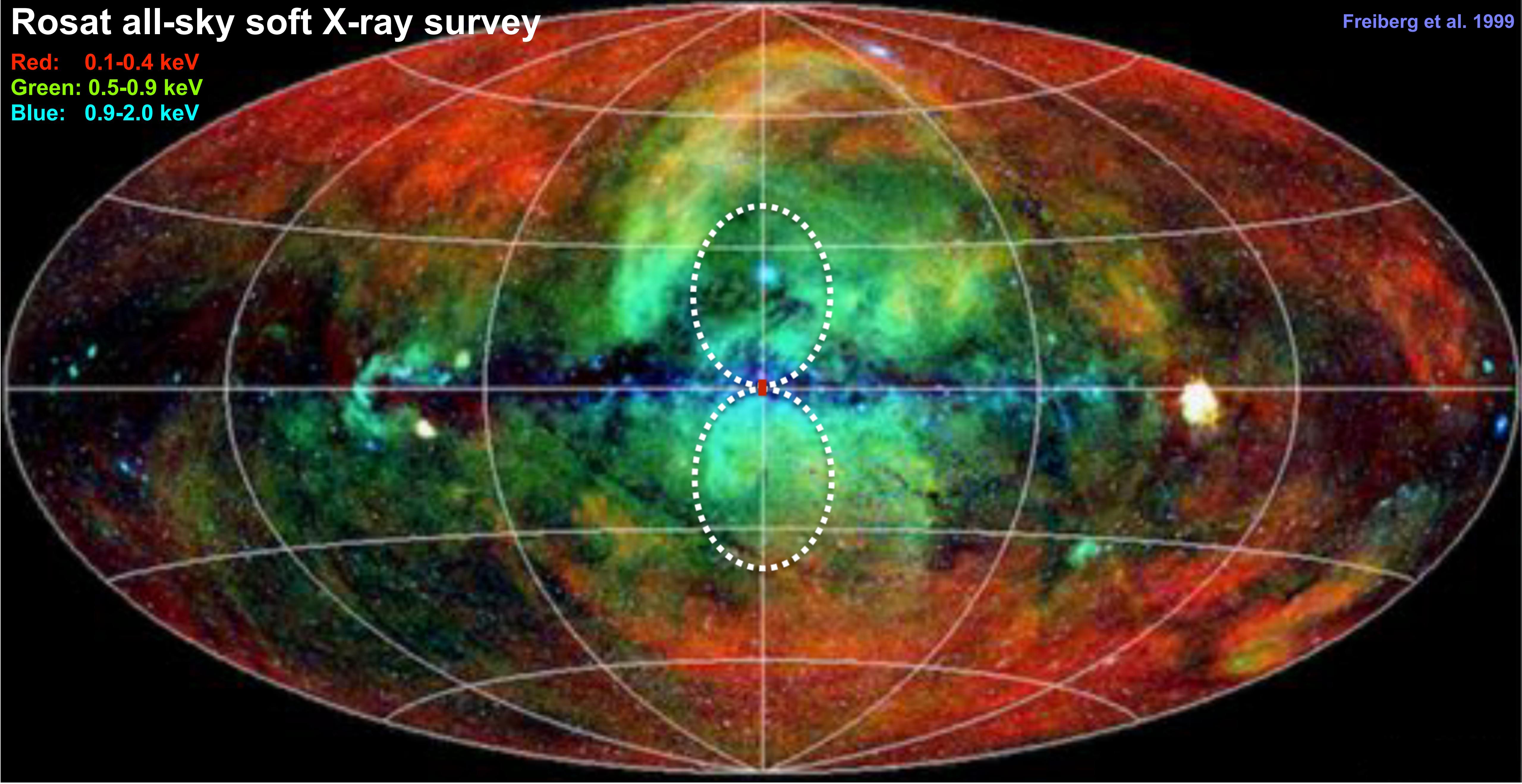


# *Future: eROSITA!*

## Rosat all-sky soft X-ray survey

Freiberg et al. 1999

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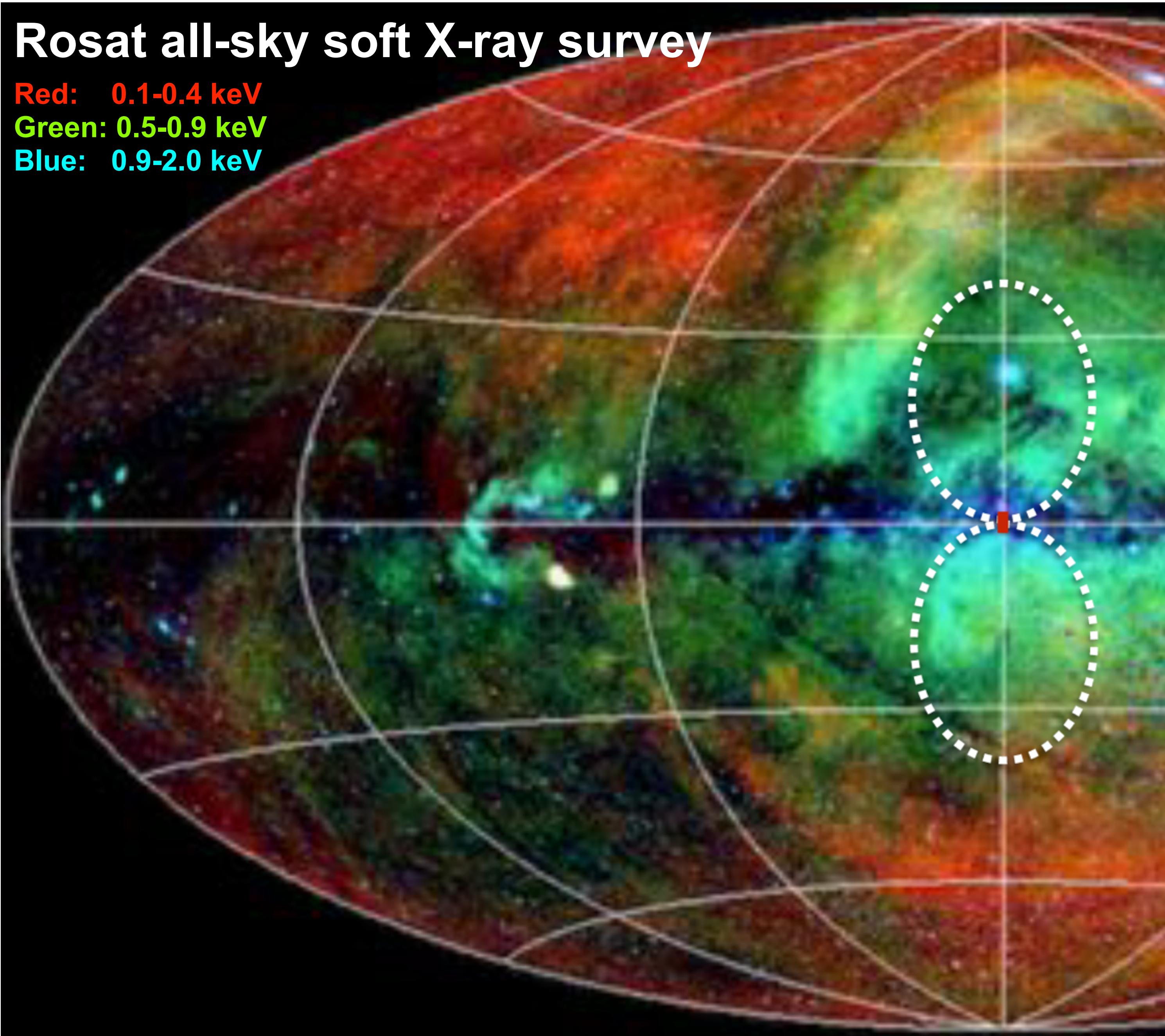


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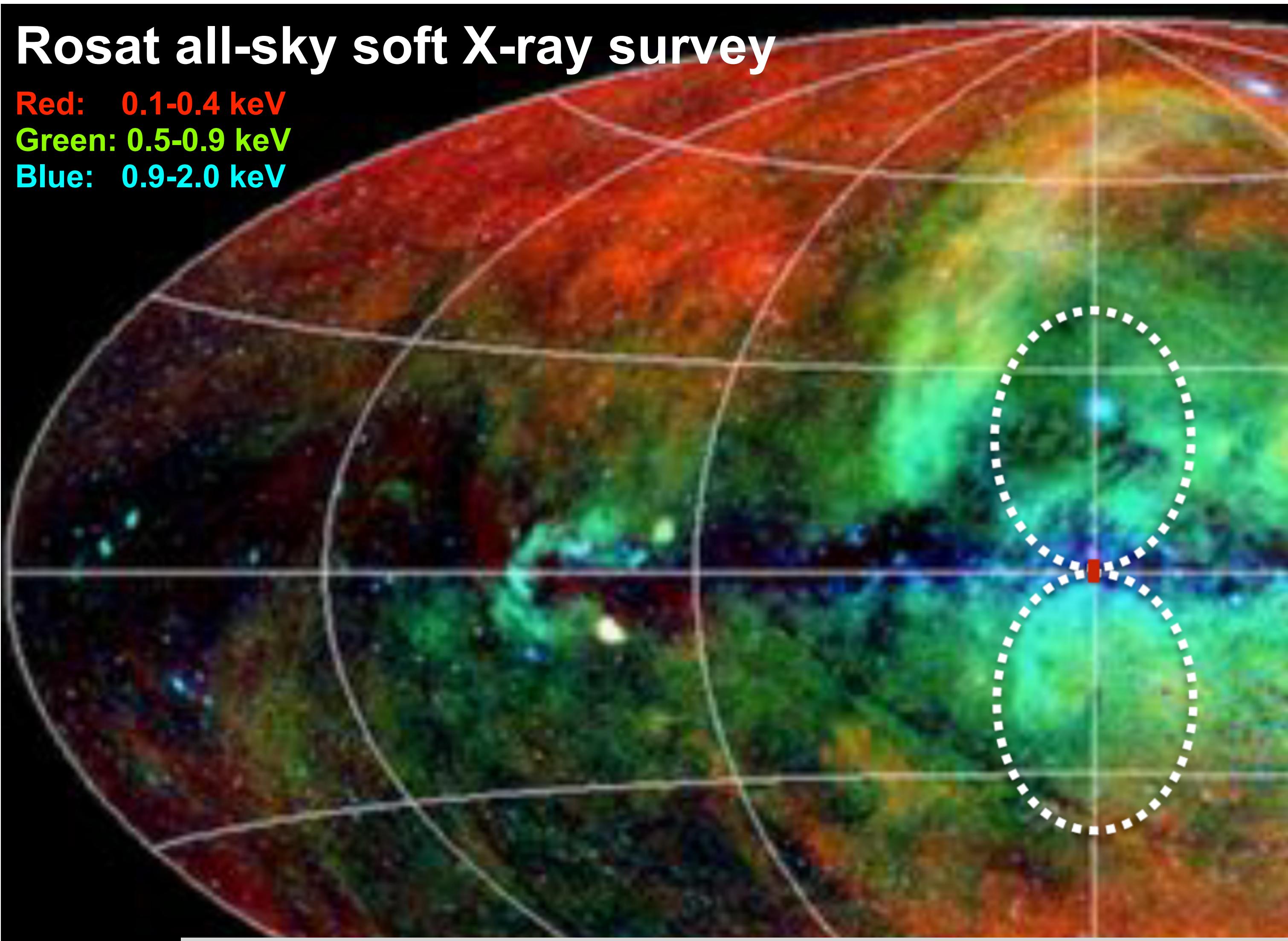
All-sky harder X-ray survey  
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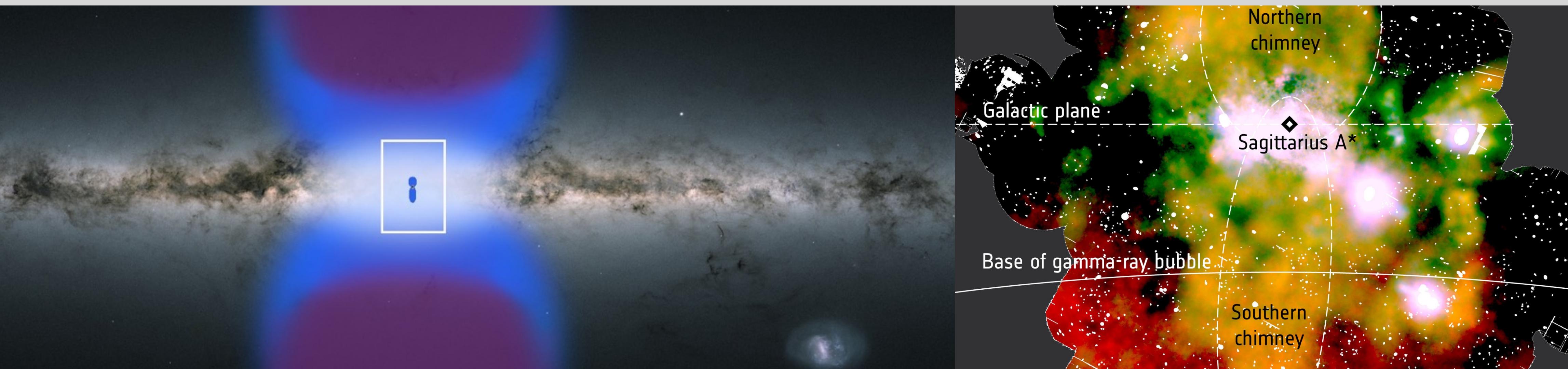
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→ Connection between energetic activity in the disc  
with Galactic corona and halo

# Conclusions

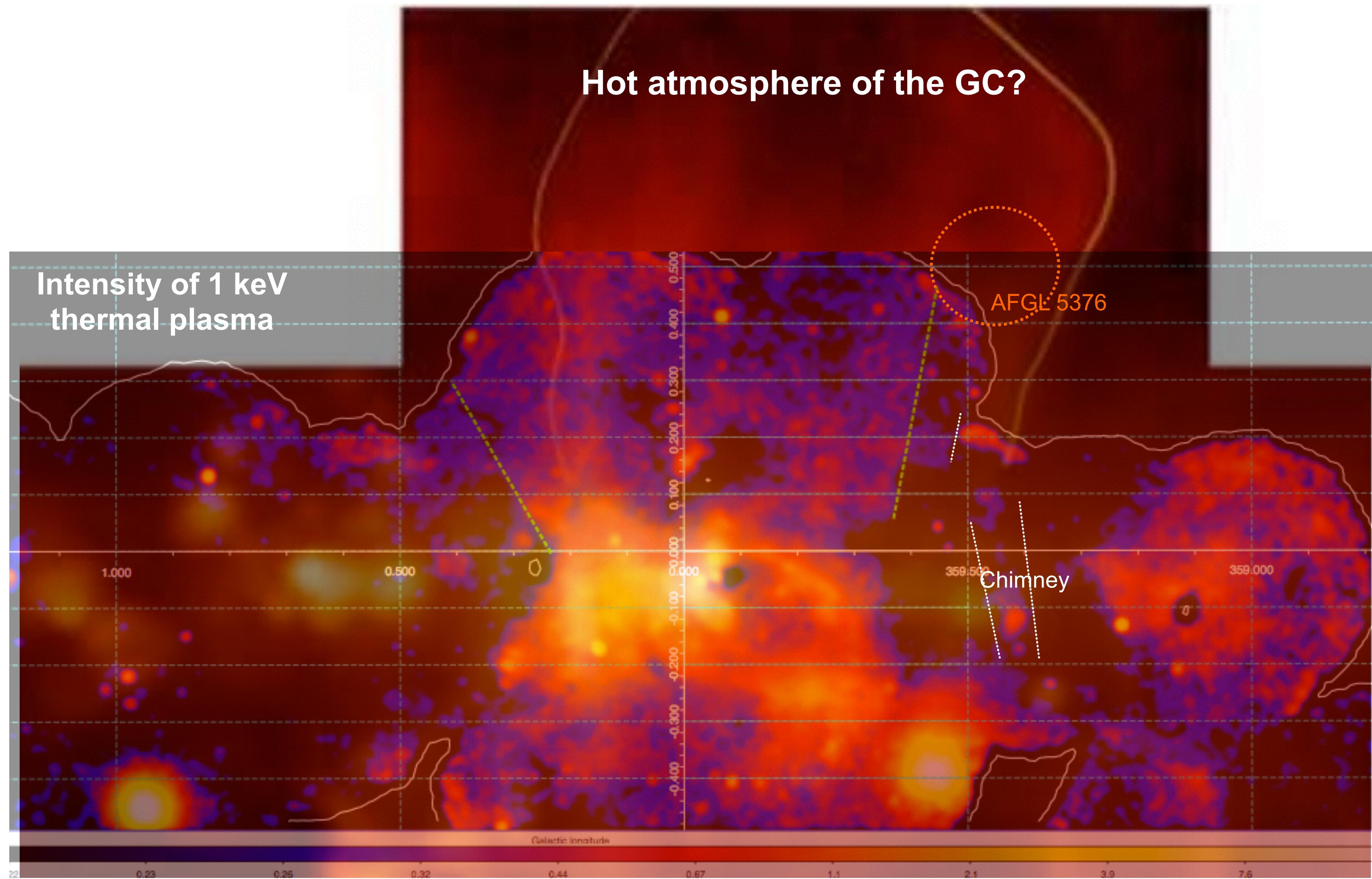
Discovery of the Chimneys:  
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Deep X-ray scans  
→ useful for CTA Galactic center and plane surveys

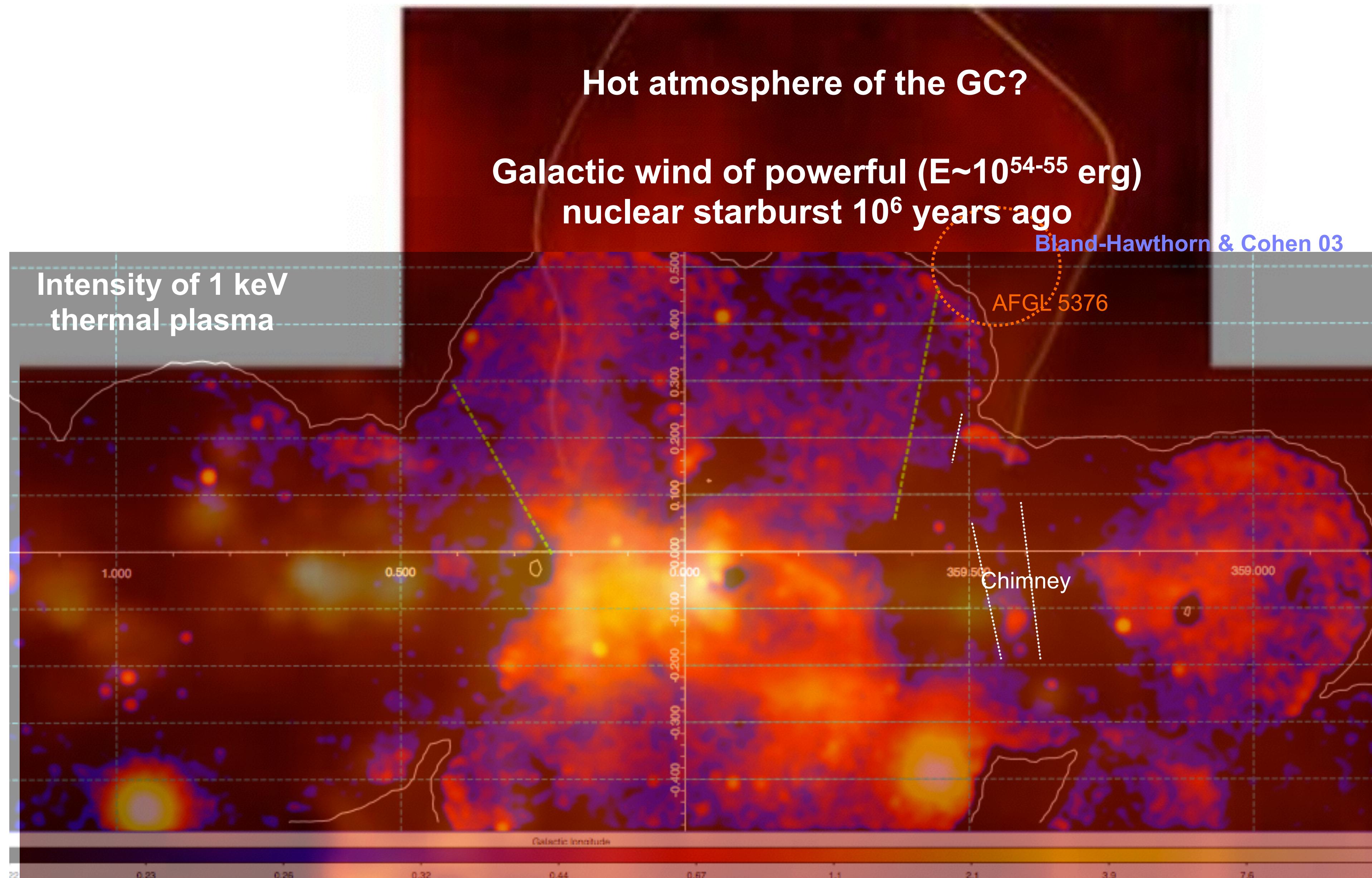
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