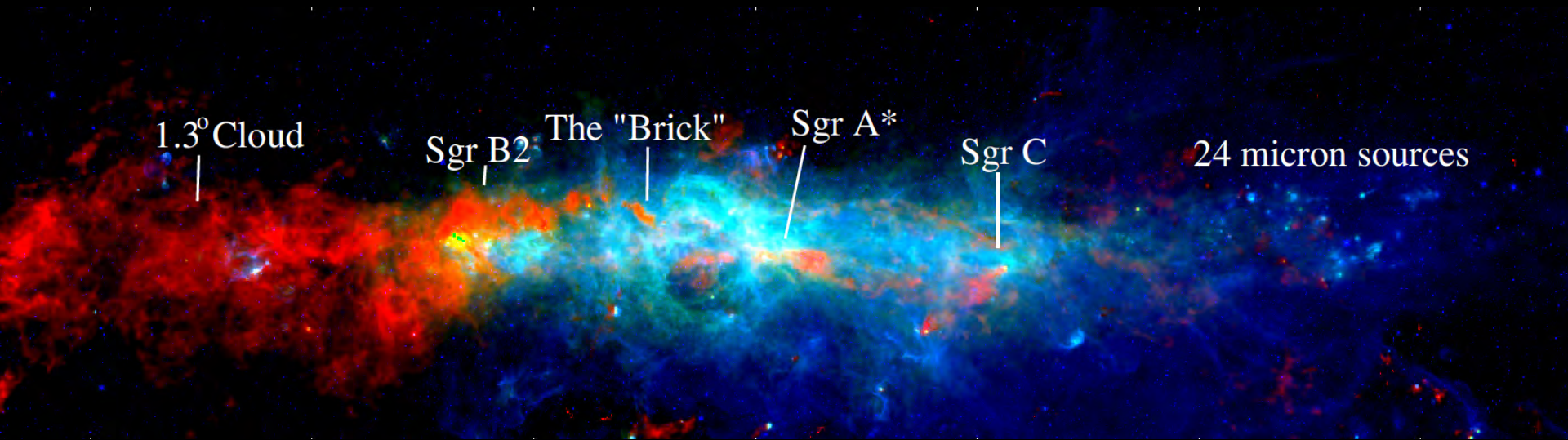


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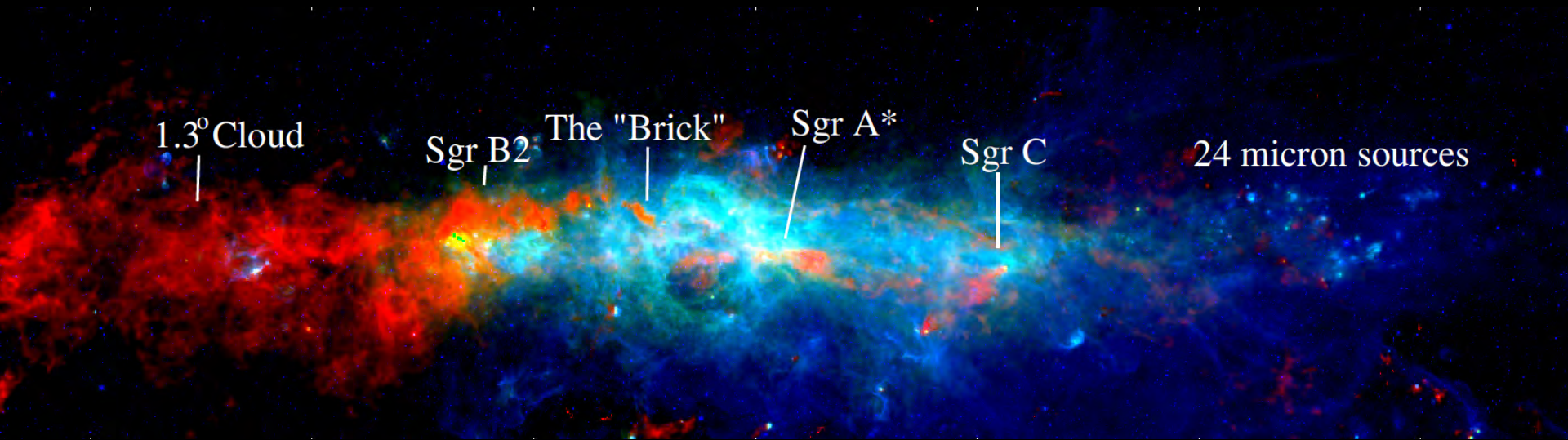
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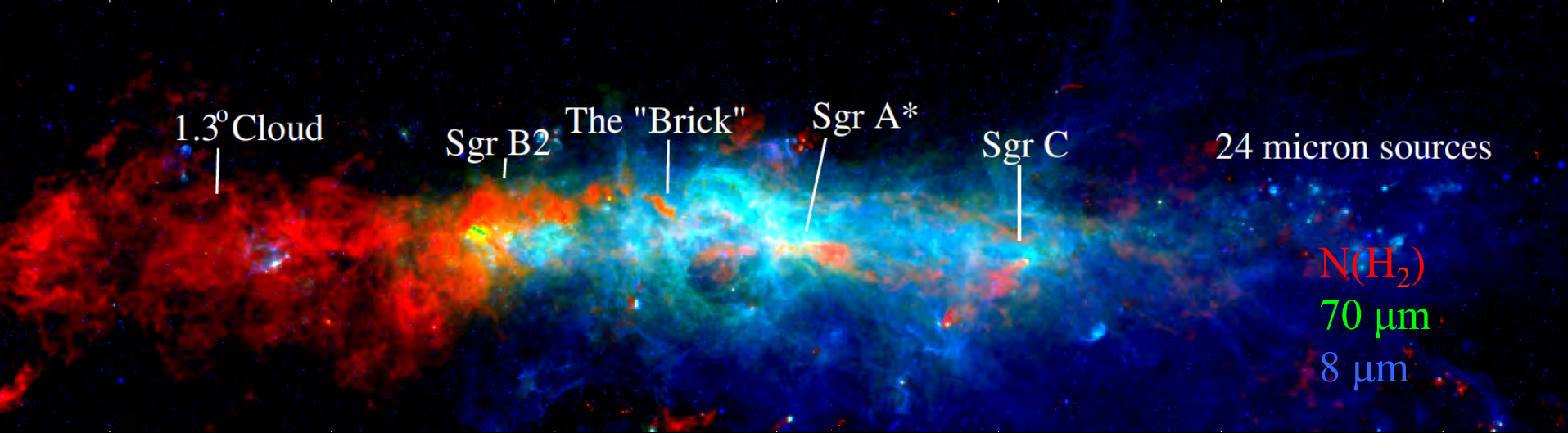
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100 pc

1.3° Cloud

Sgr B2

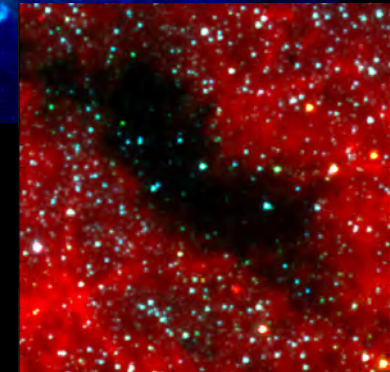
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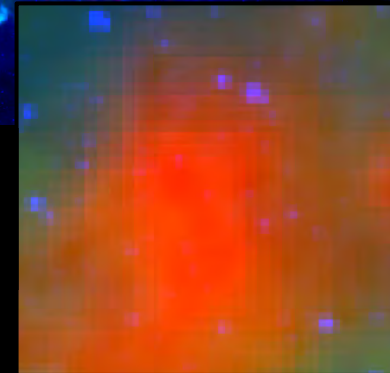
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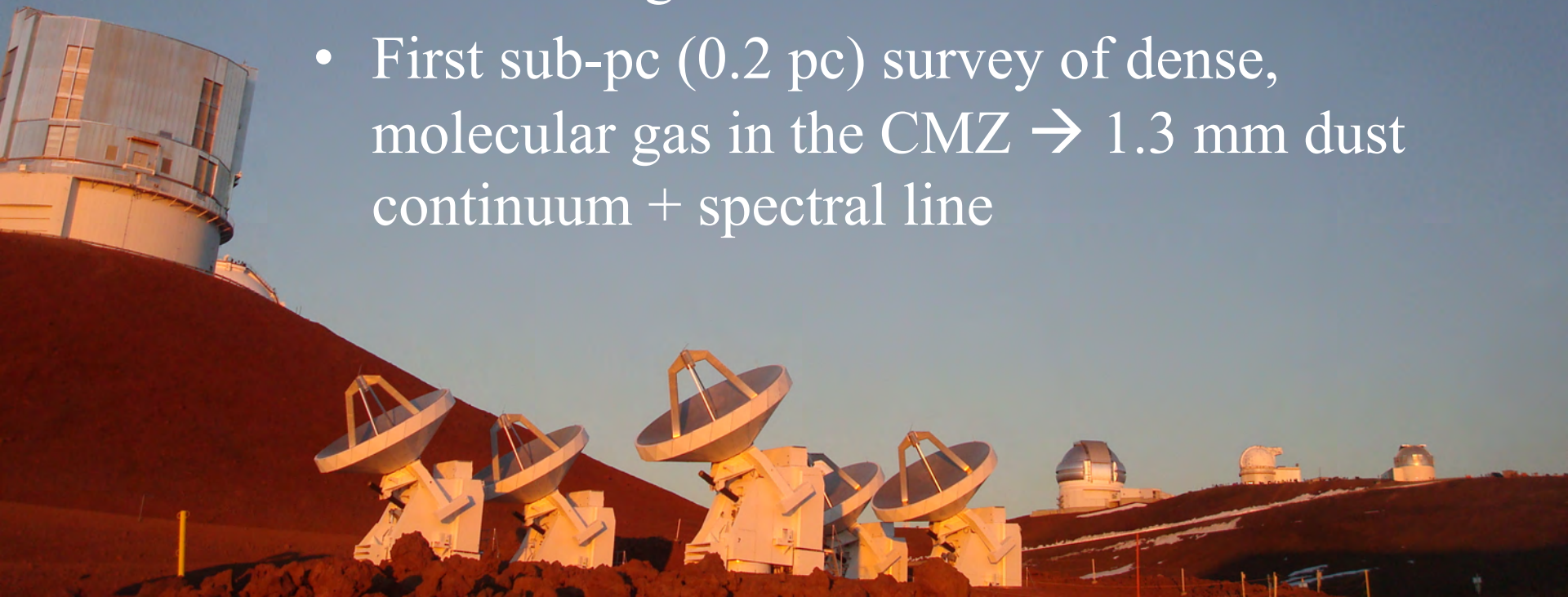
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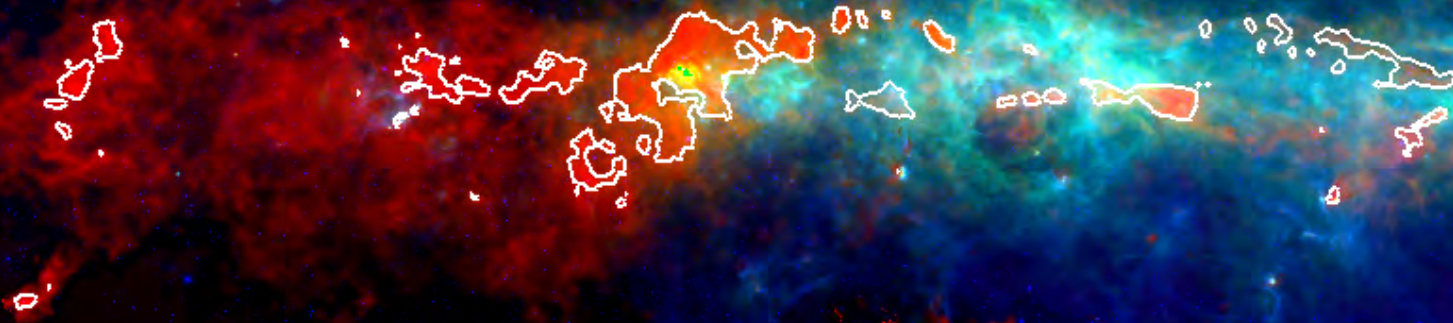
# SMA Legacy Survey of the Central Molecular Zone

- Large primary beam, high angular resolution, large bandwidth → detect (pre-) star-forming cores
- First sub-pc (0.2 pc) survey of dense, molecular gas in the CMZ → 1.3 mm dust continuum + spectral line



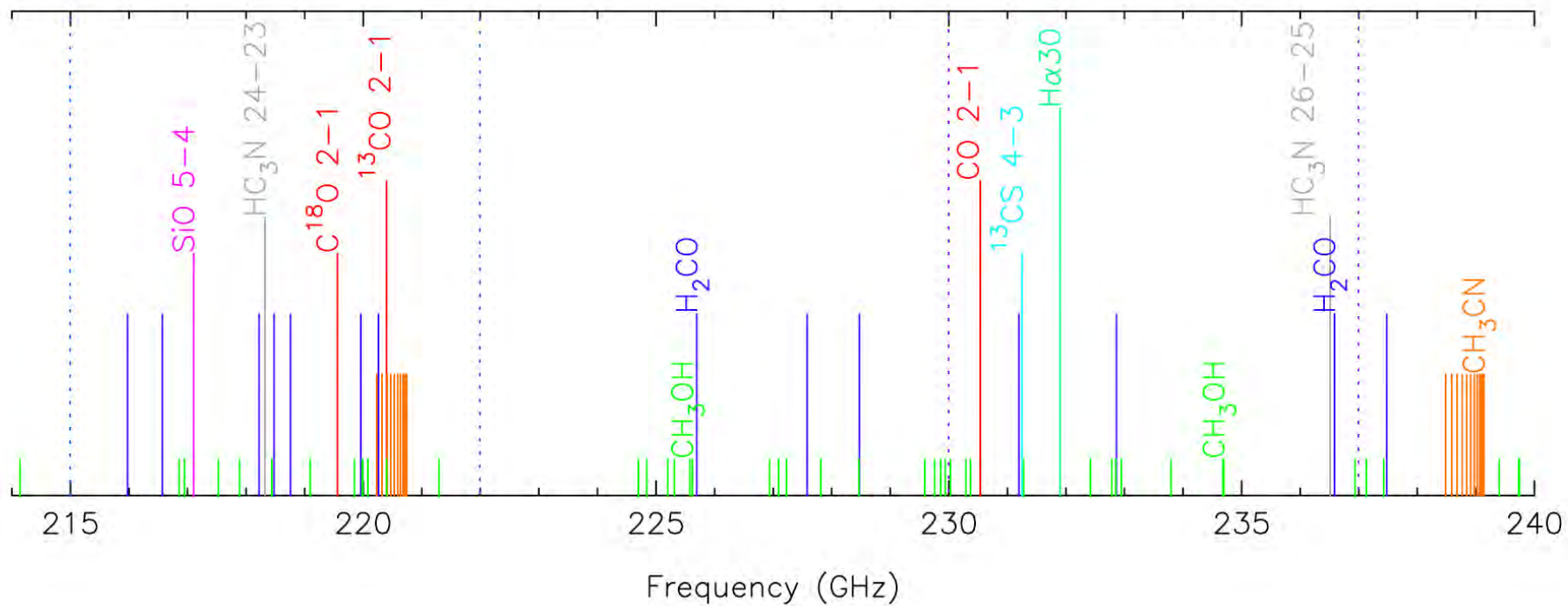
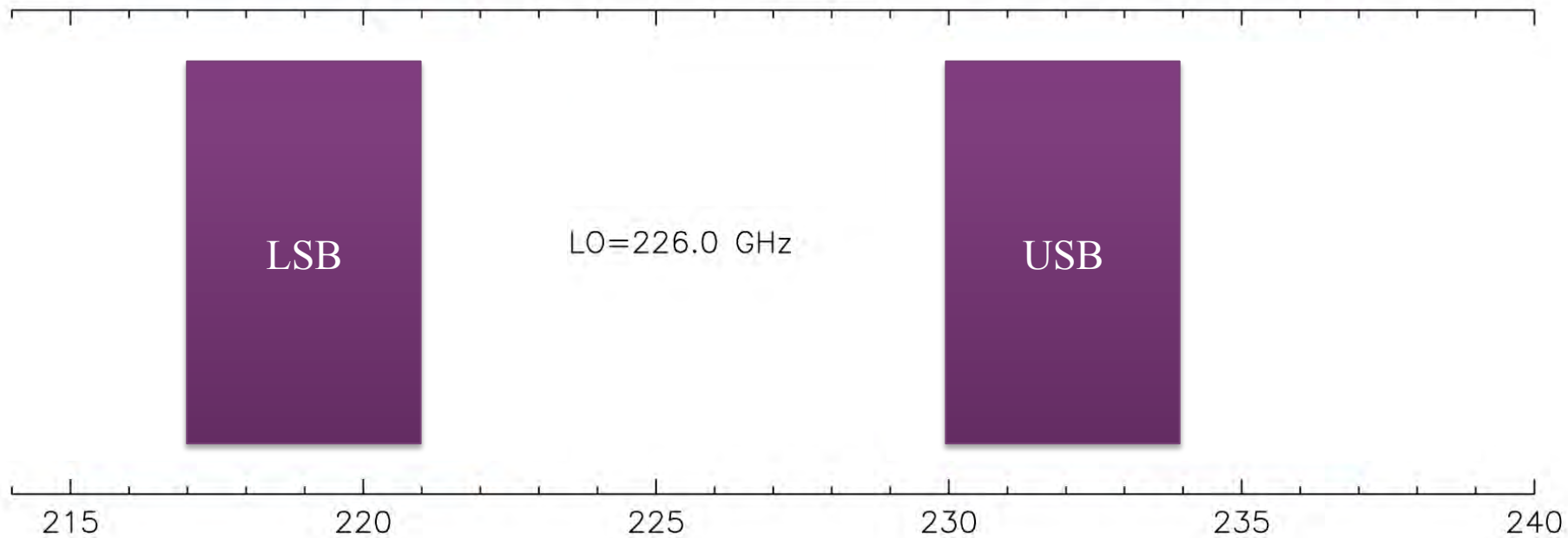


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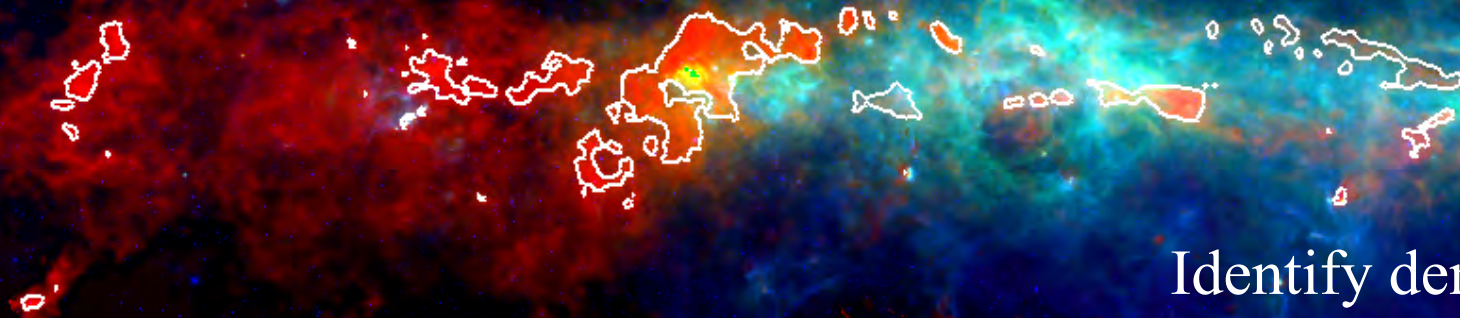


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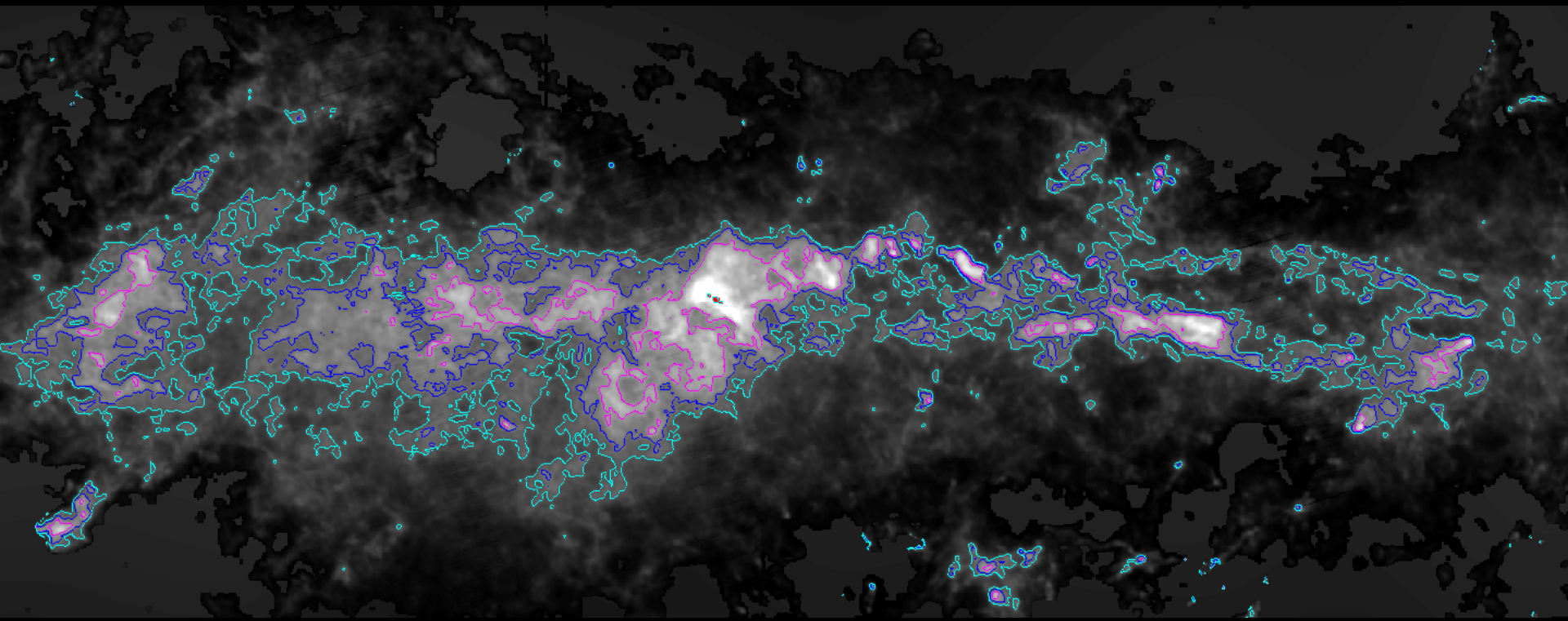
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Identify dense cores  
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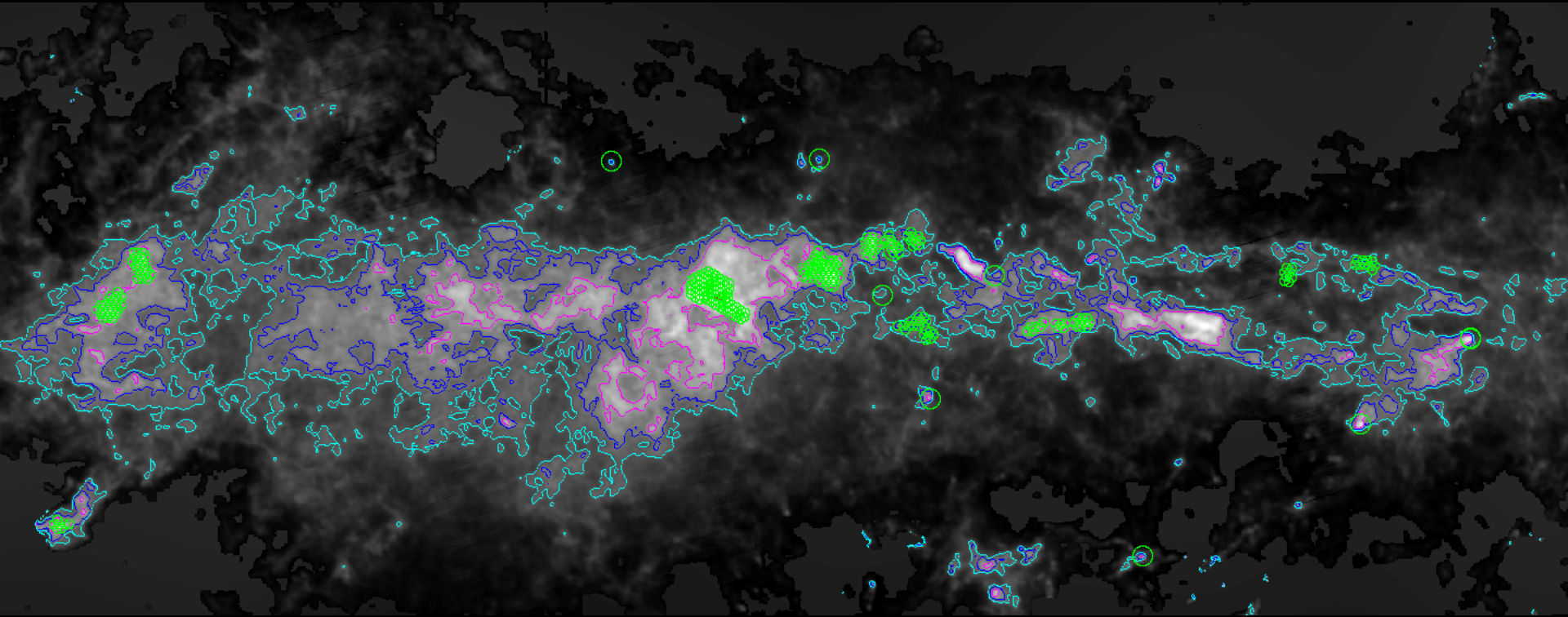
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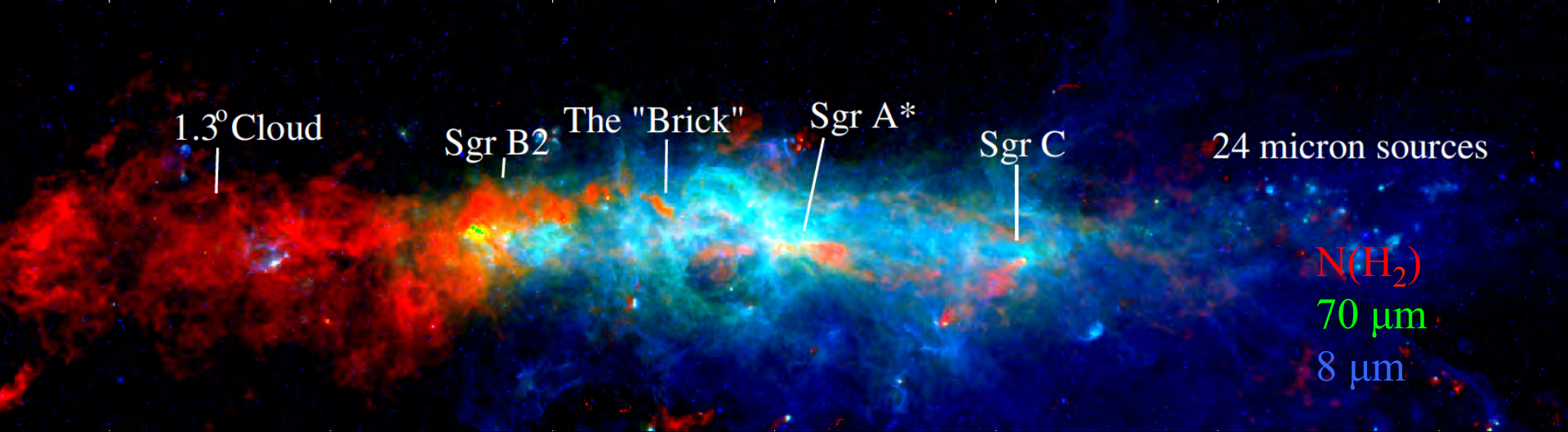


Column Density Map with contours at  
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Observed regions with green mosaics

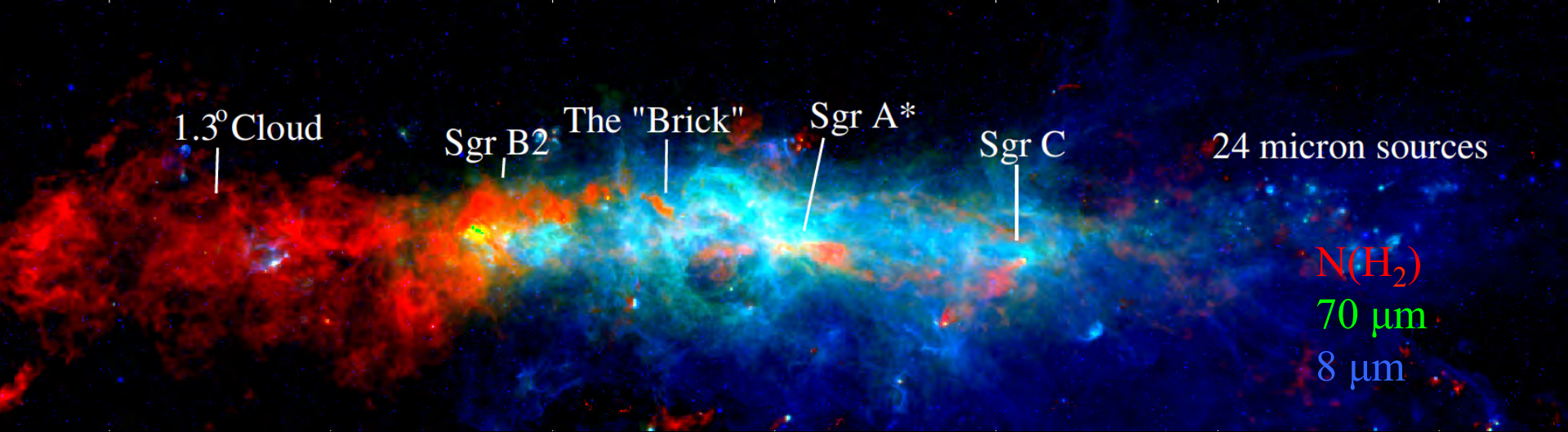






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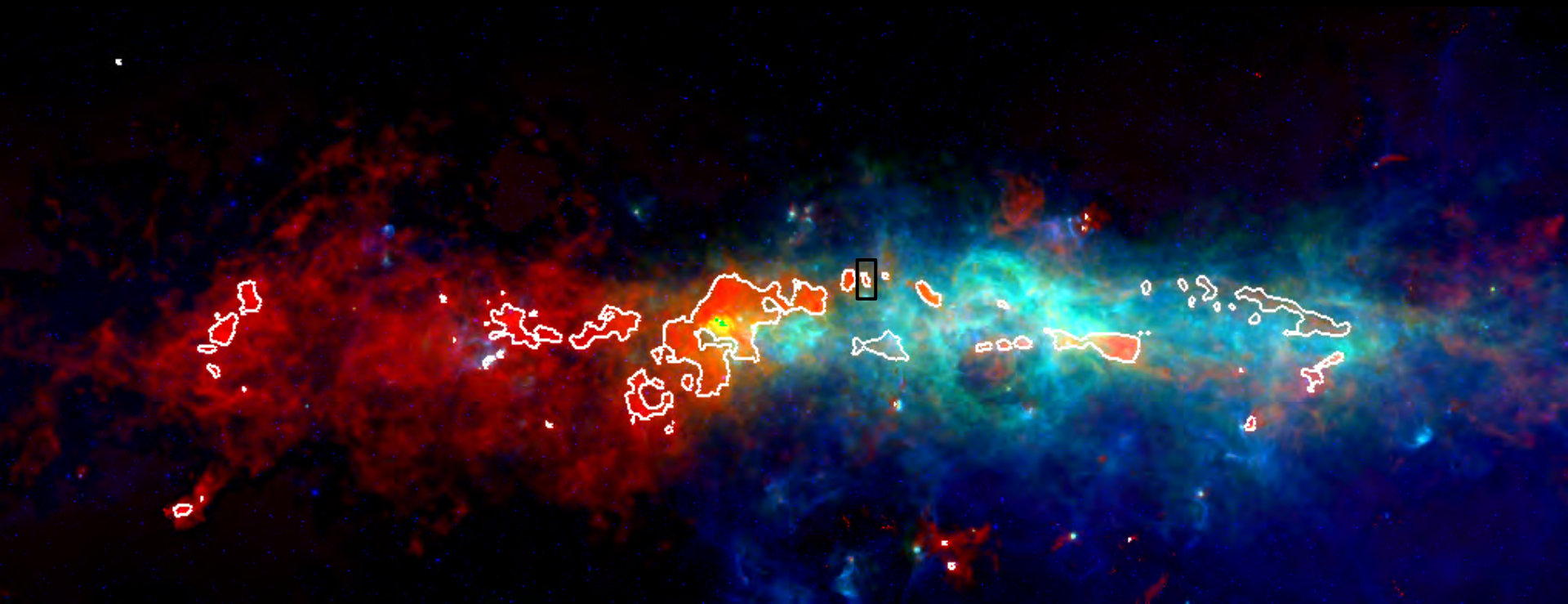
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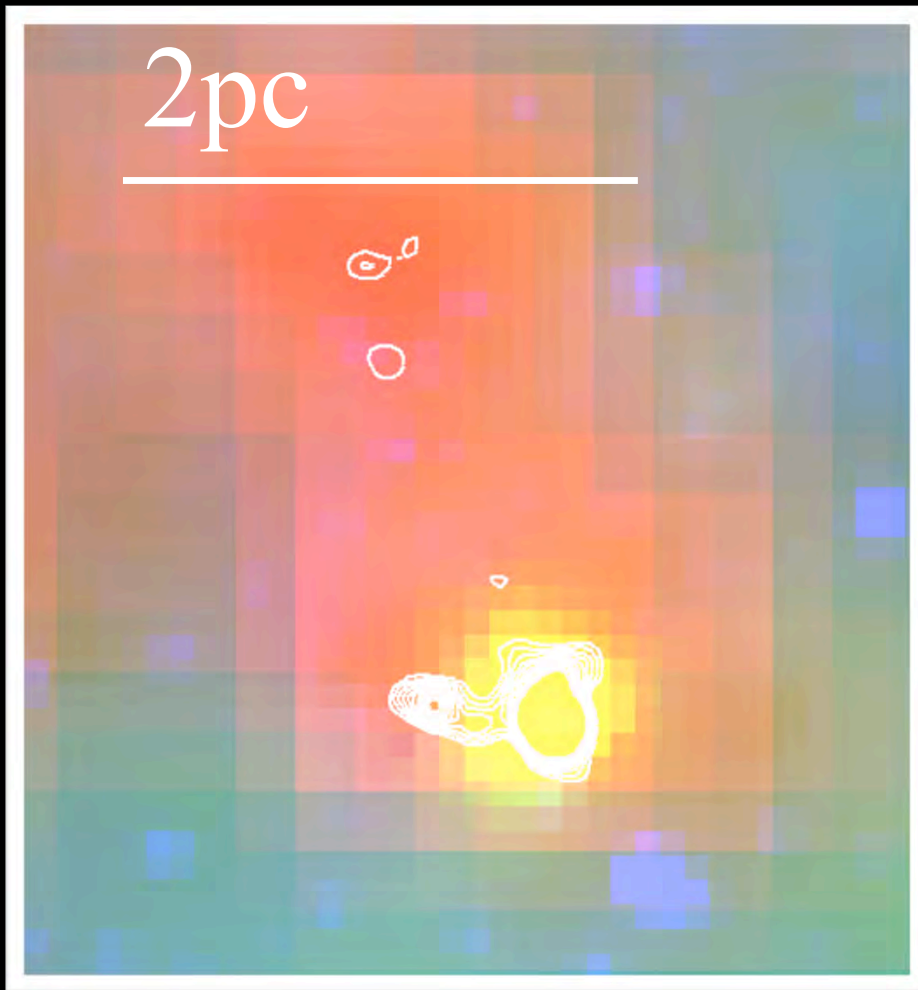


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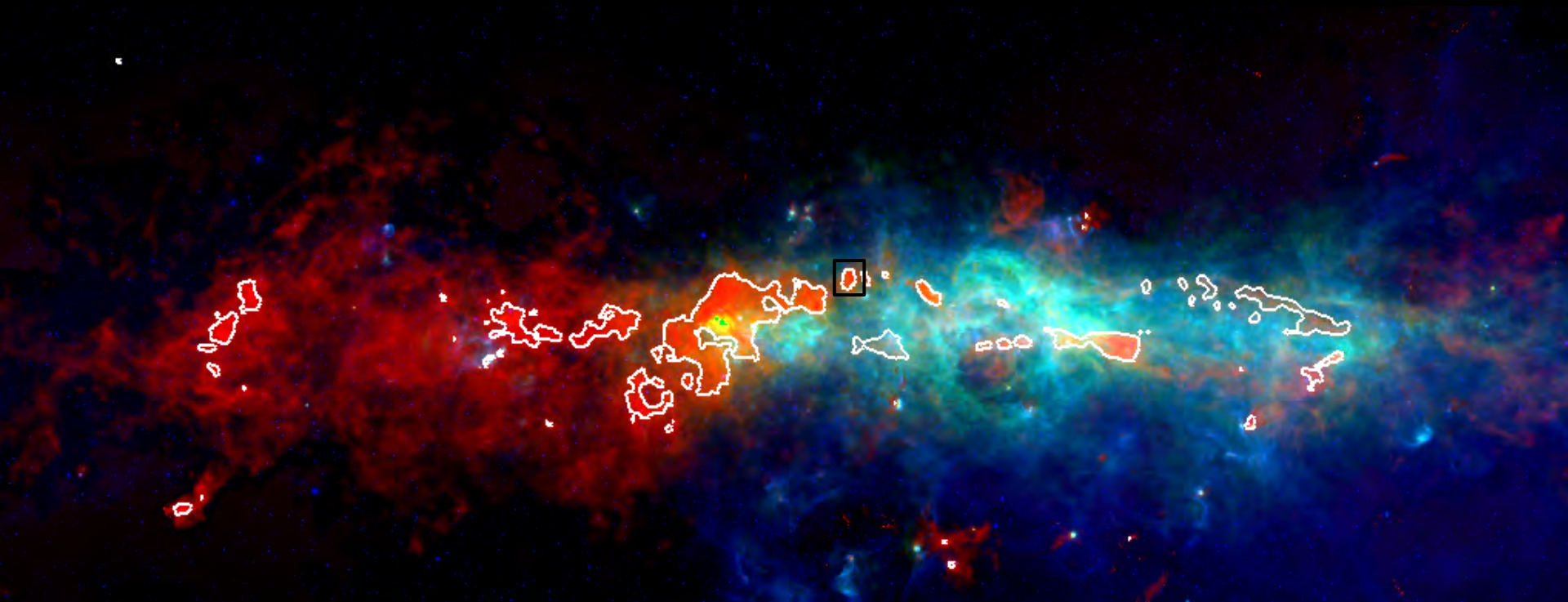


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1.3 mm dust  
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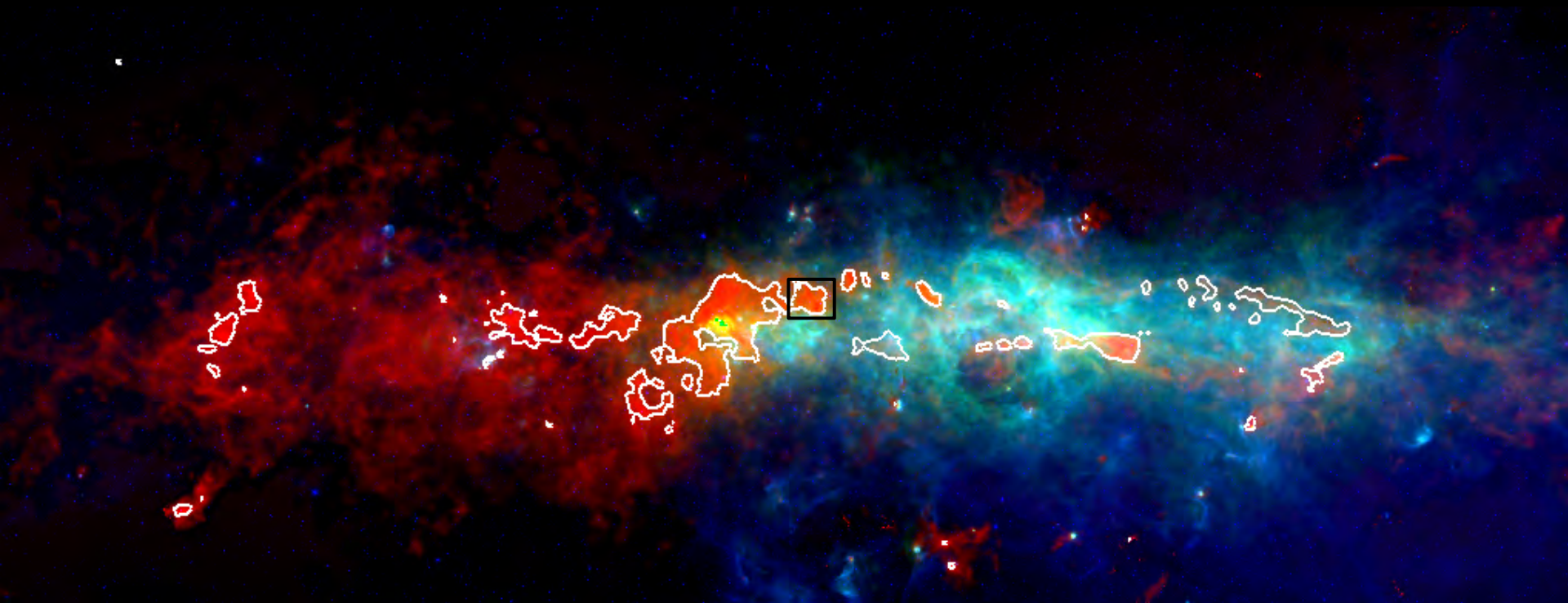
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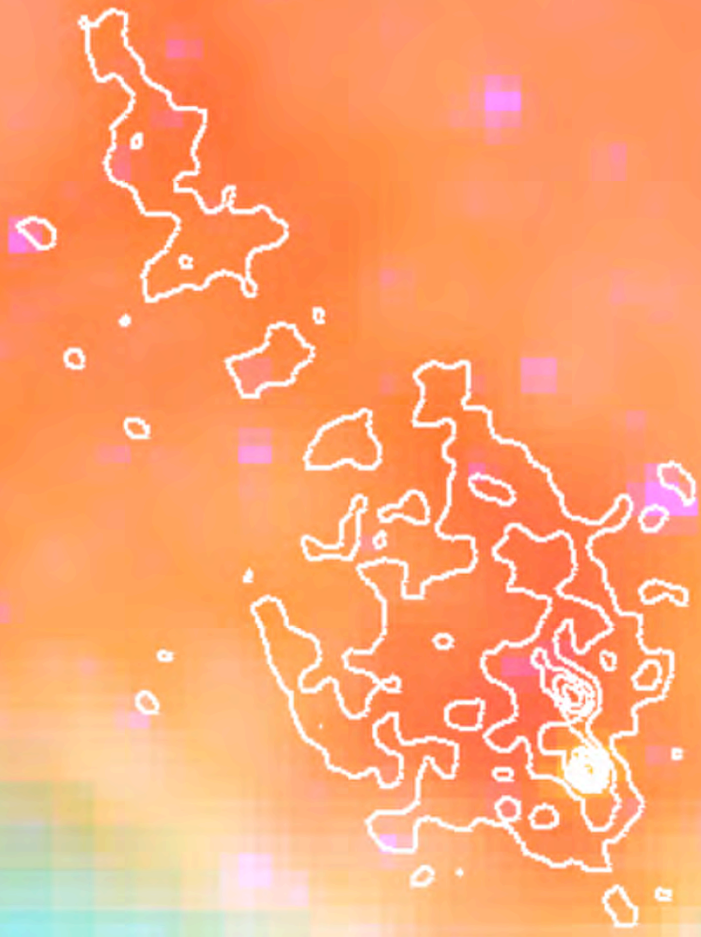




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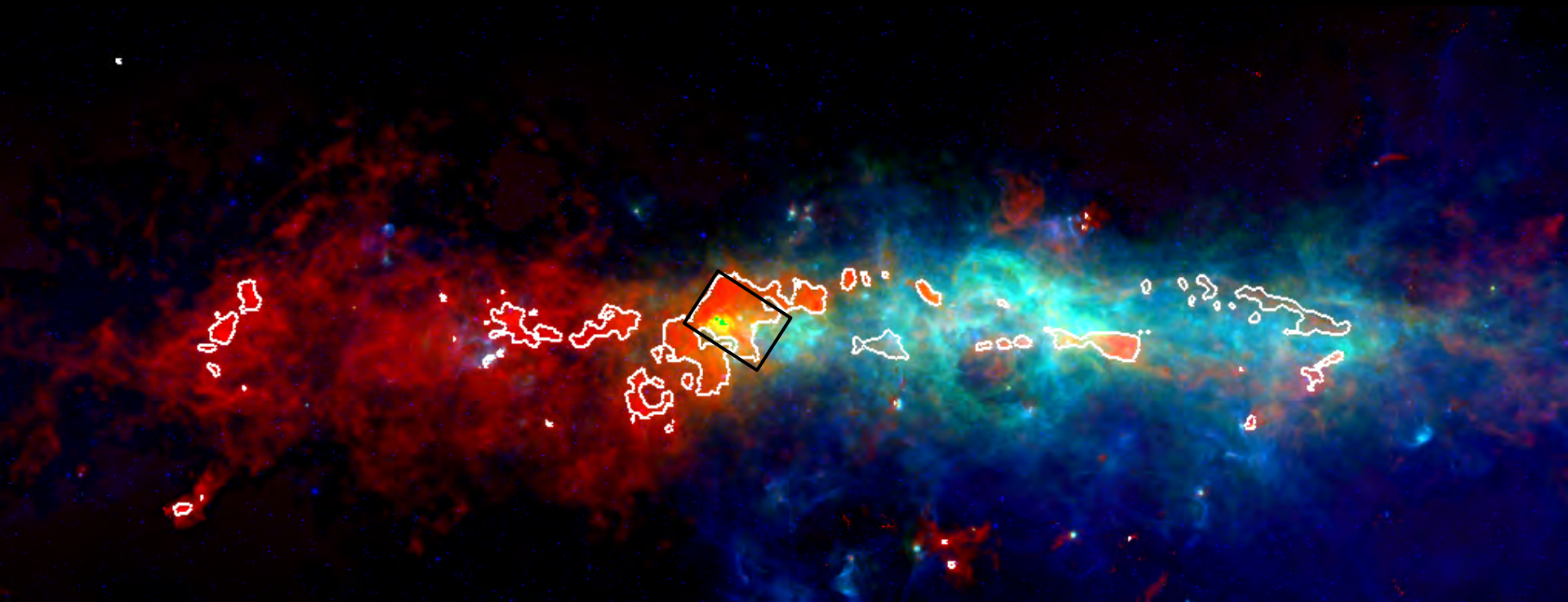
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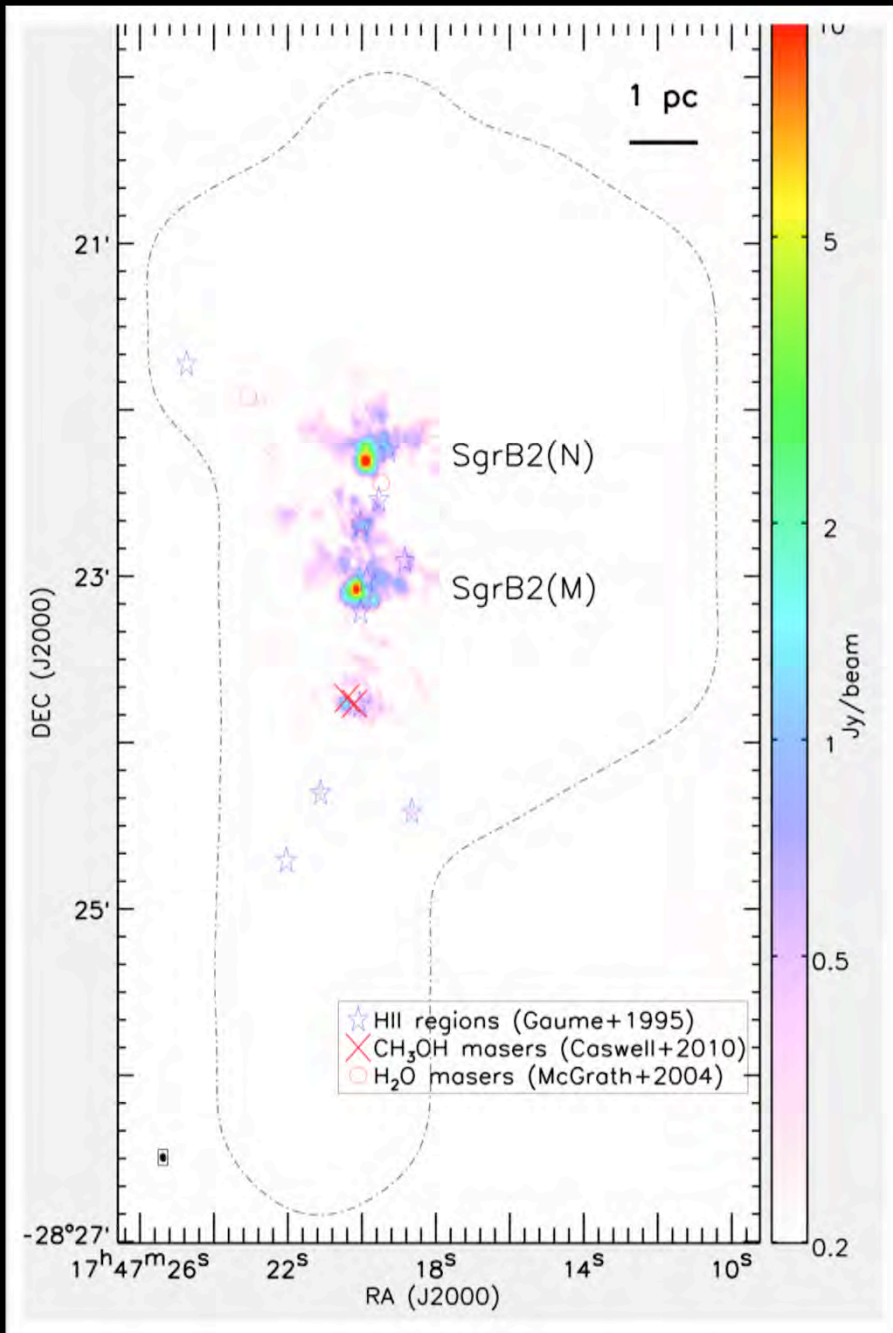
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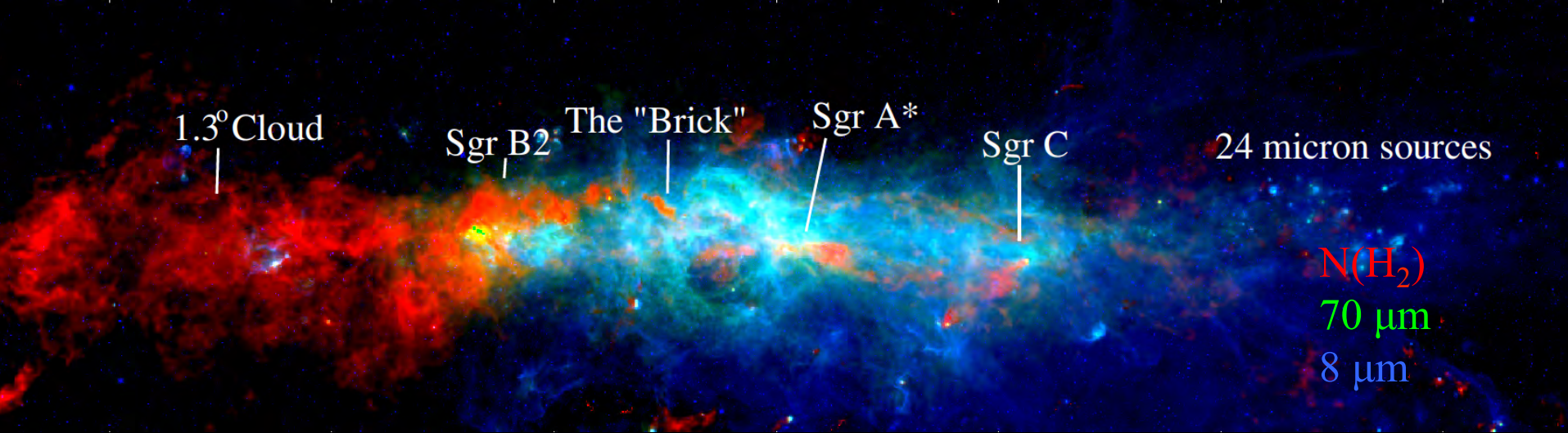
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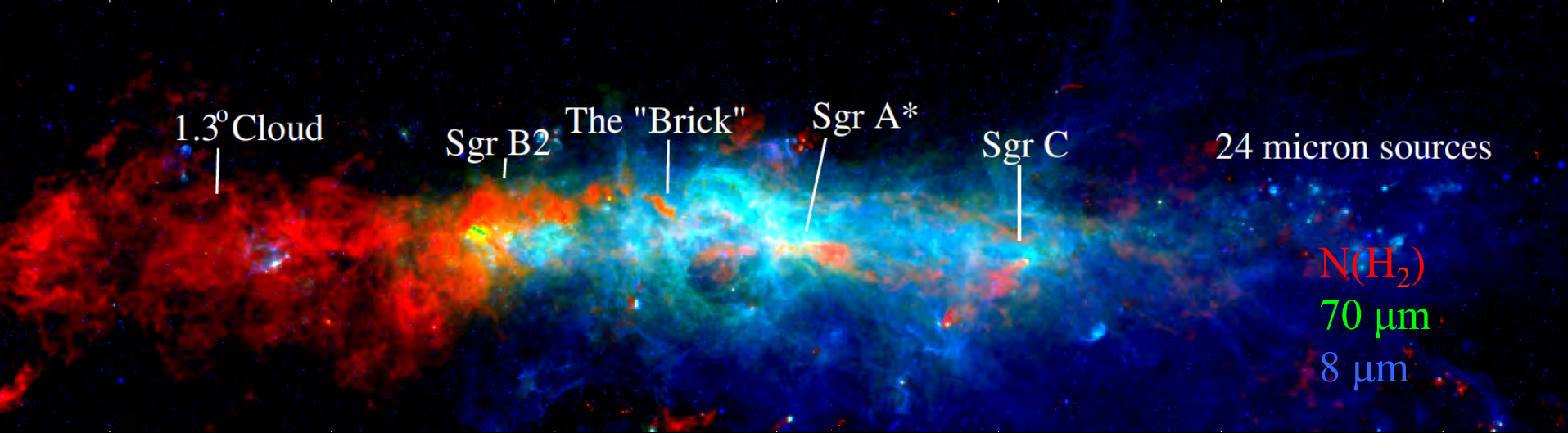
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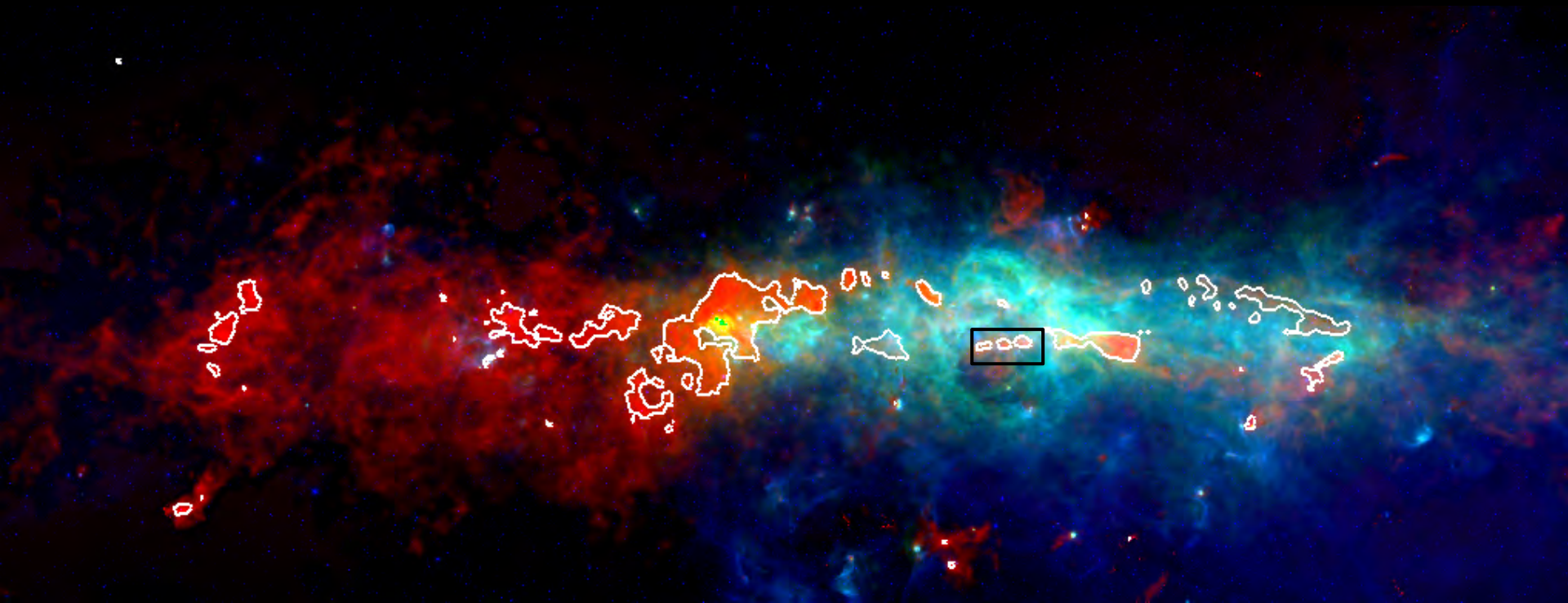
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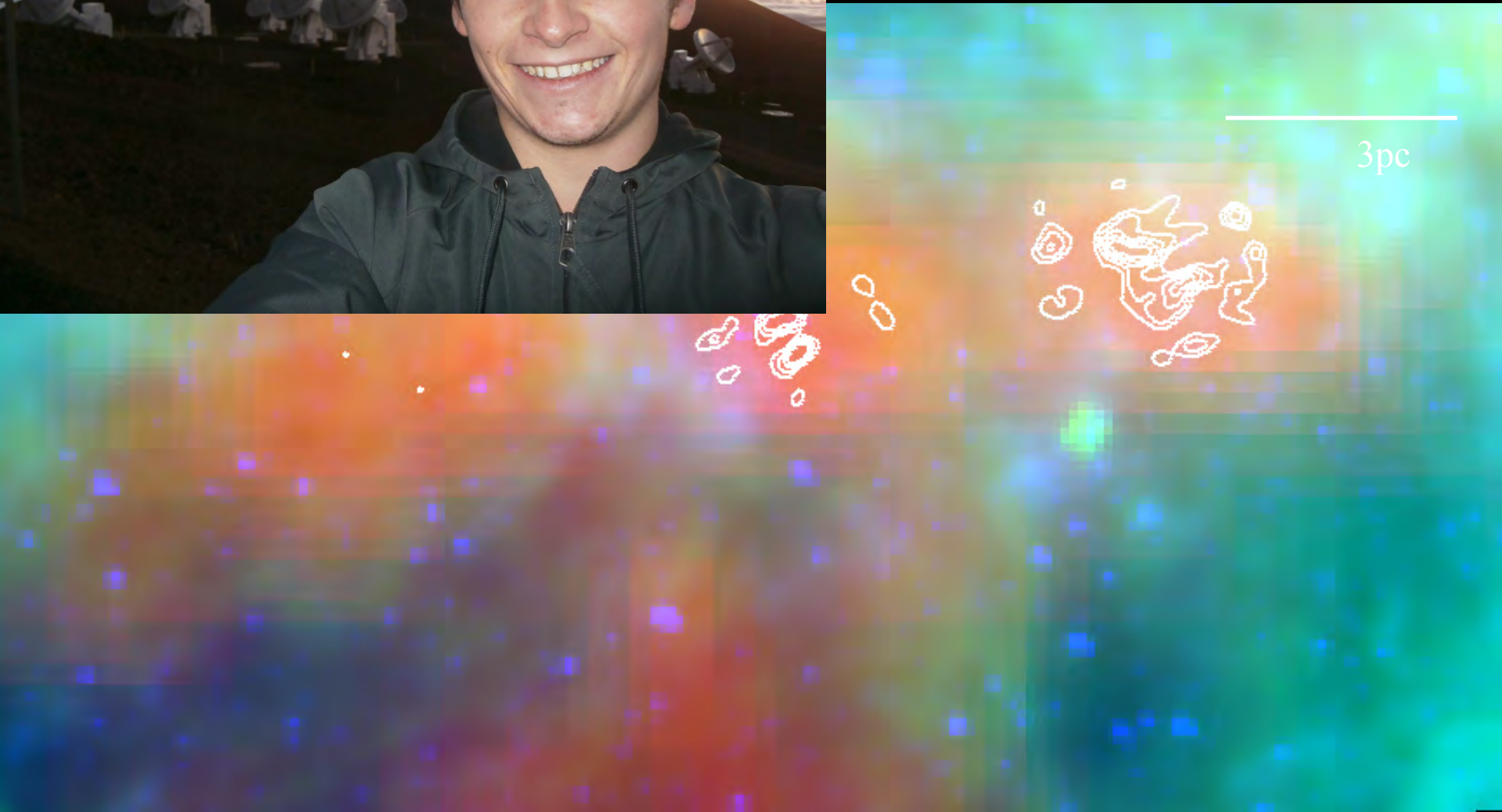








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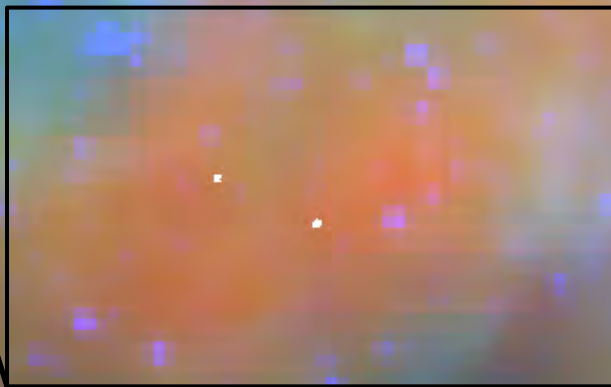
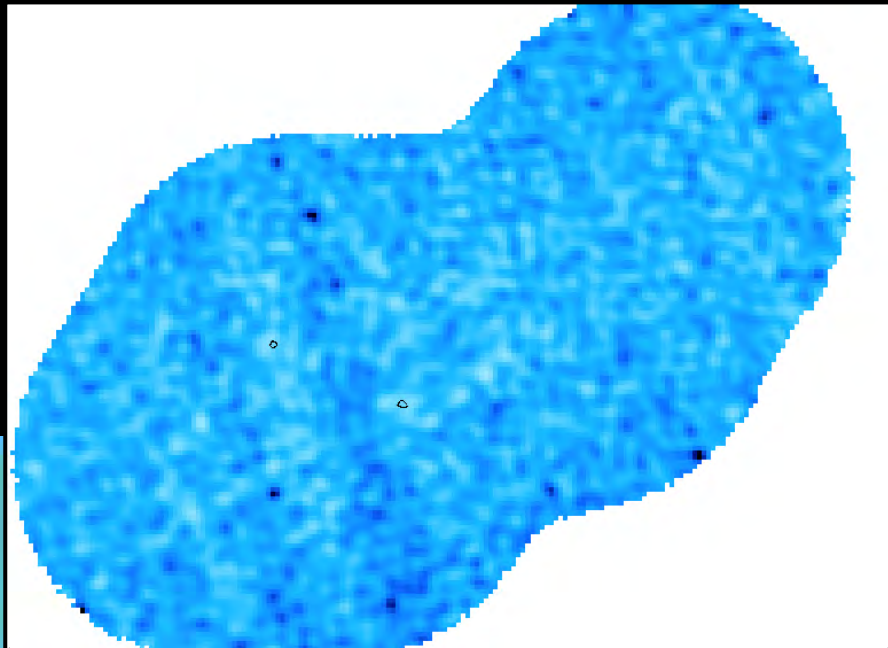
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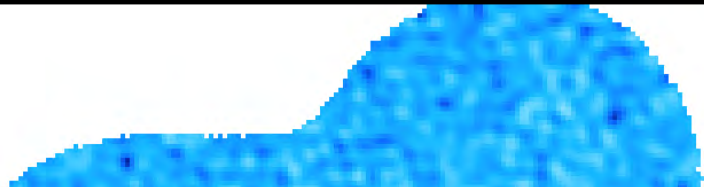


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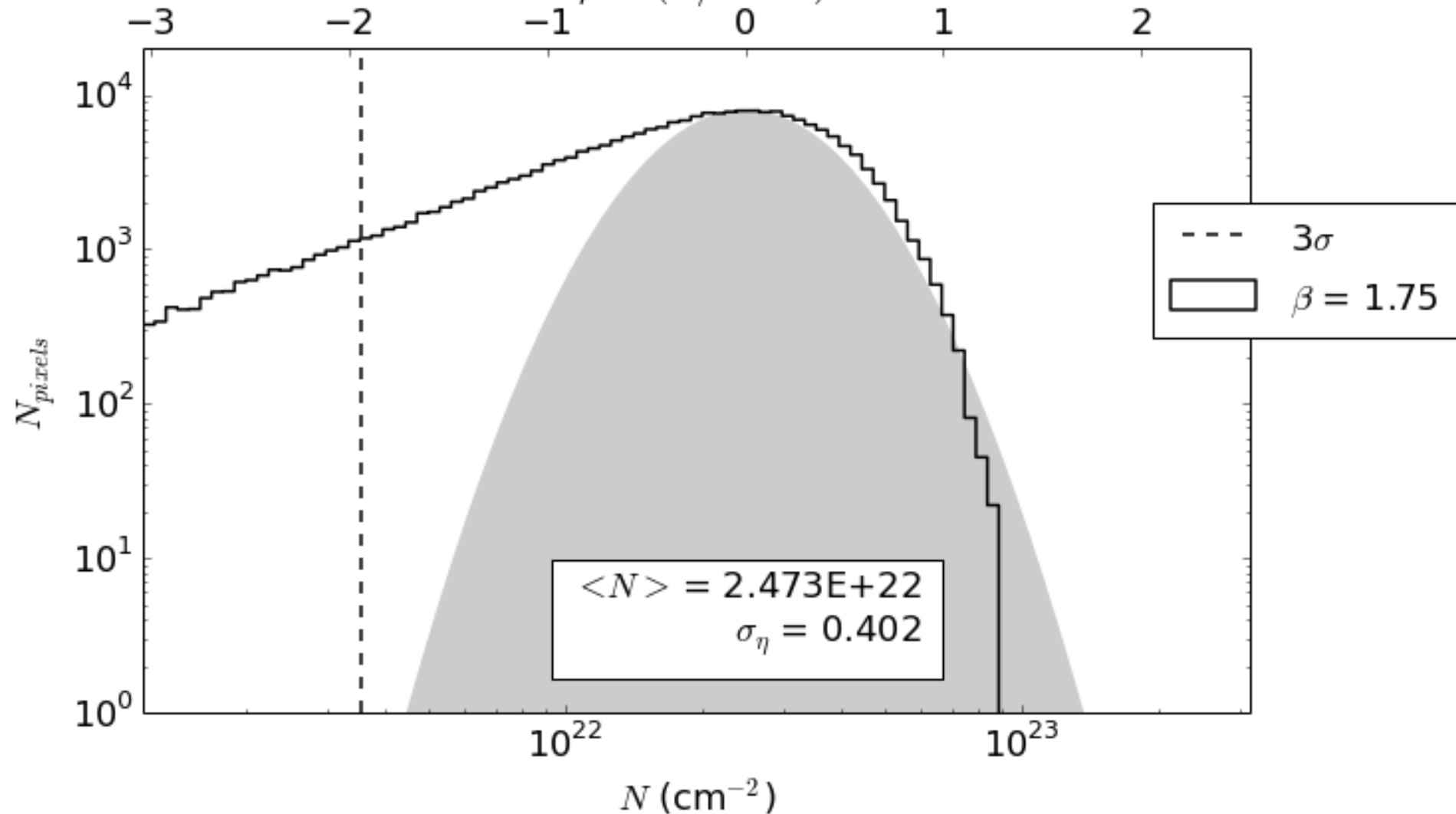
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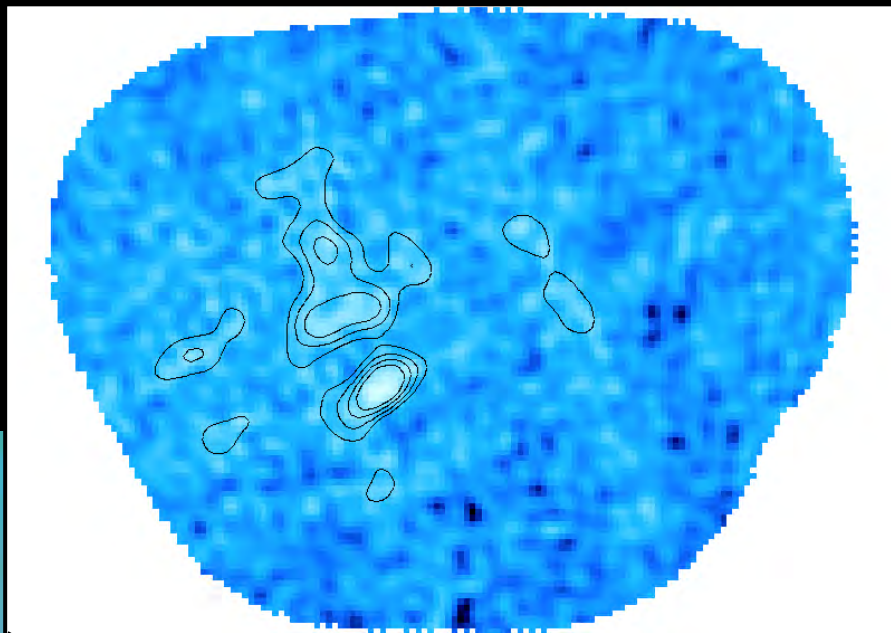
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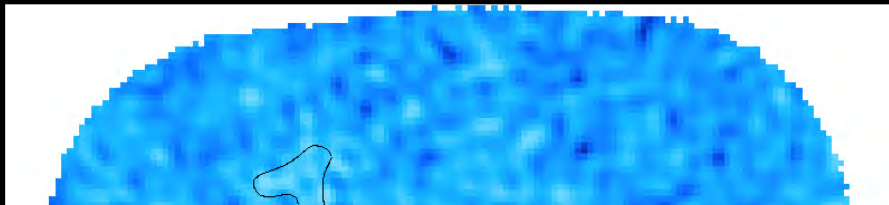
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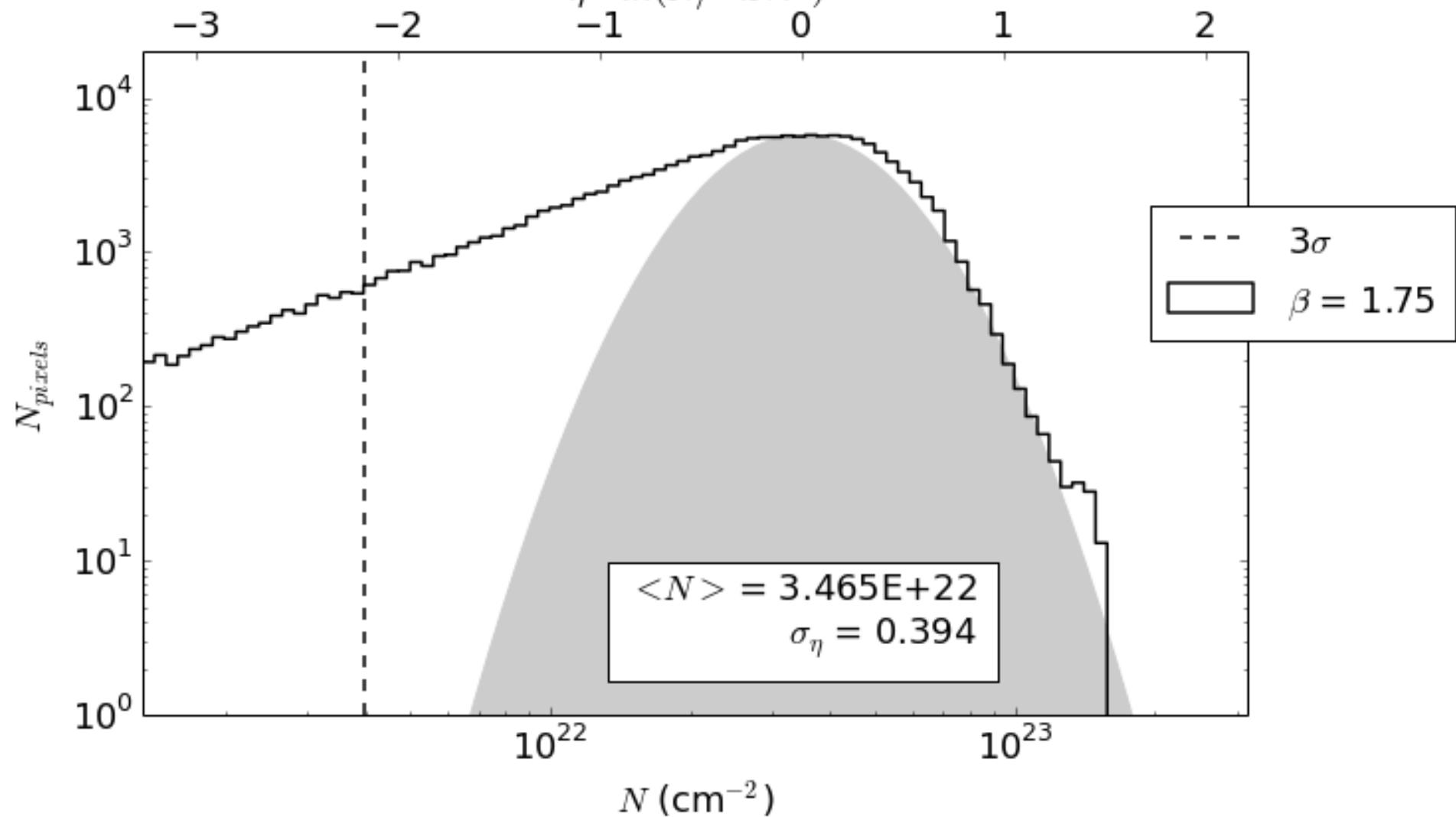
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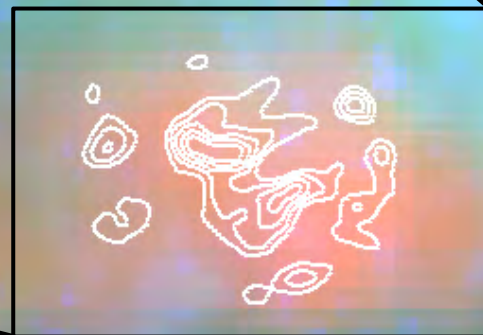
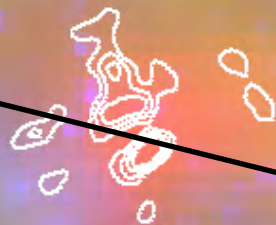
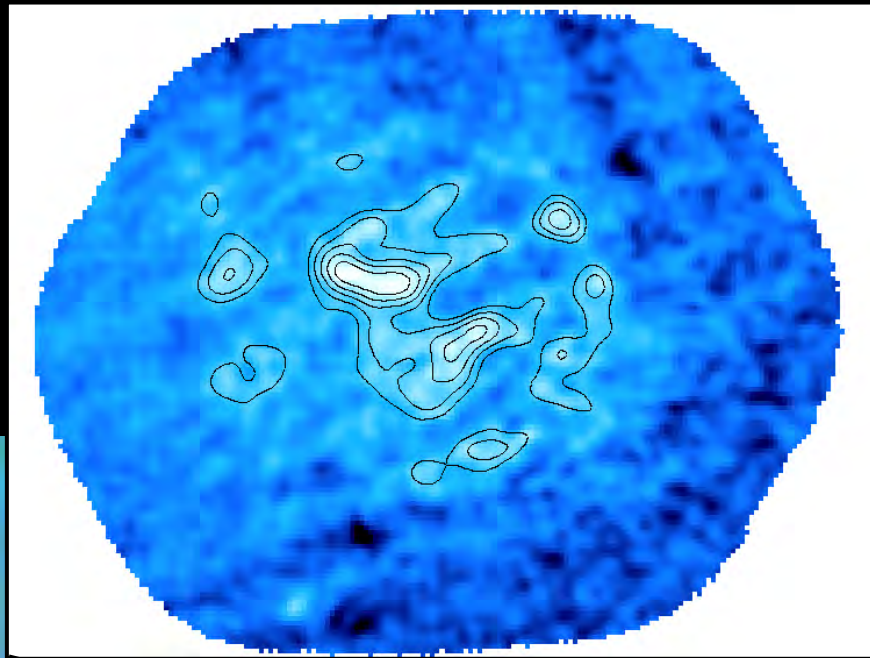


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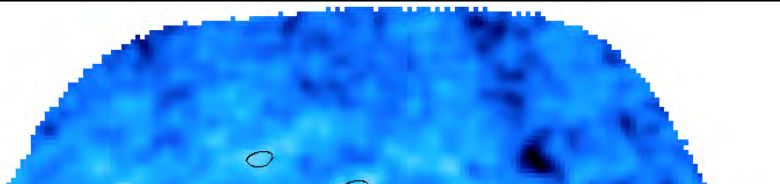
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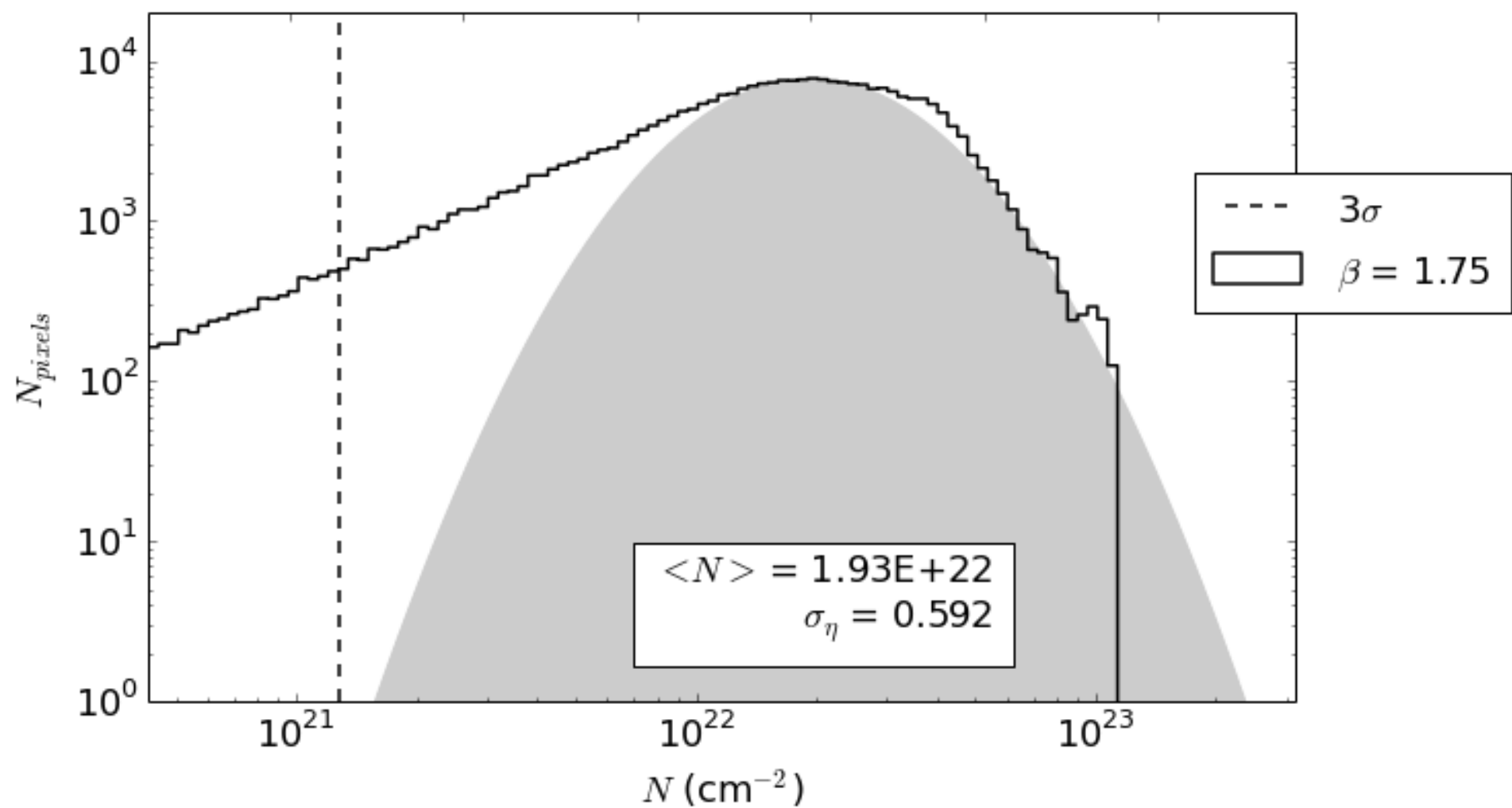


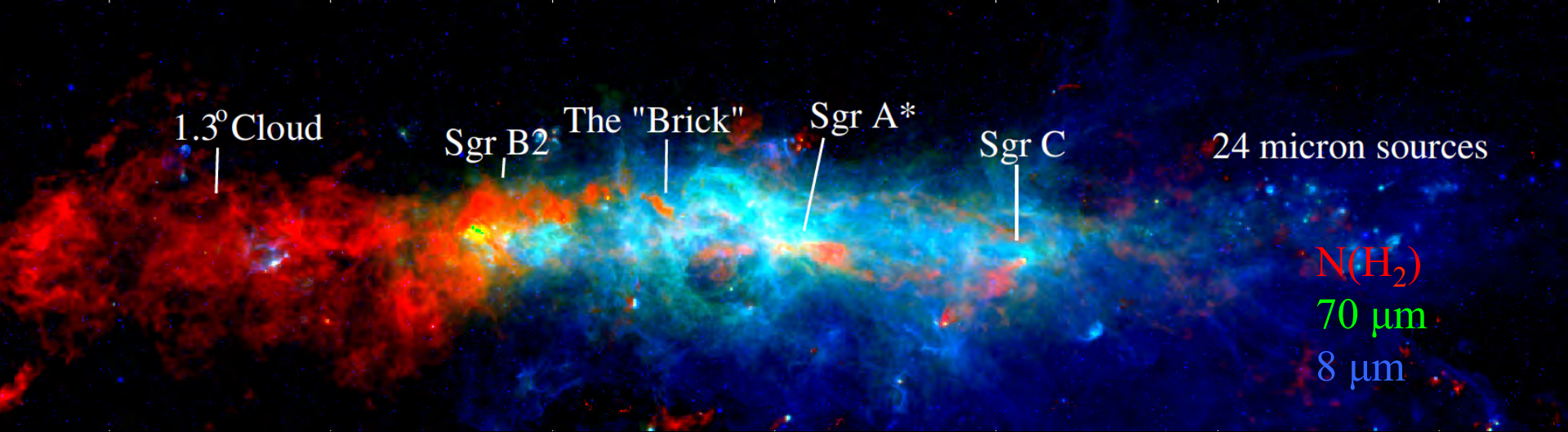




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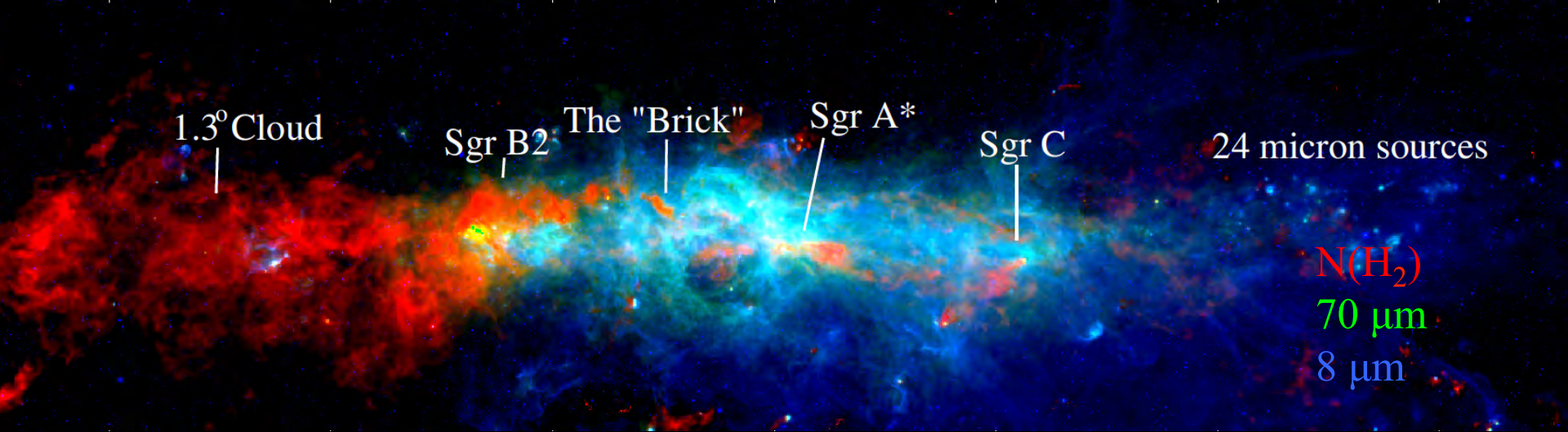
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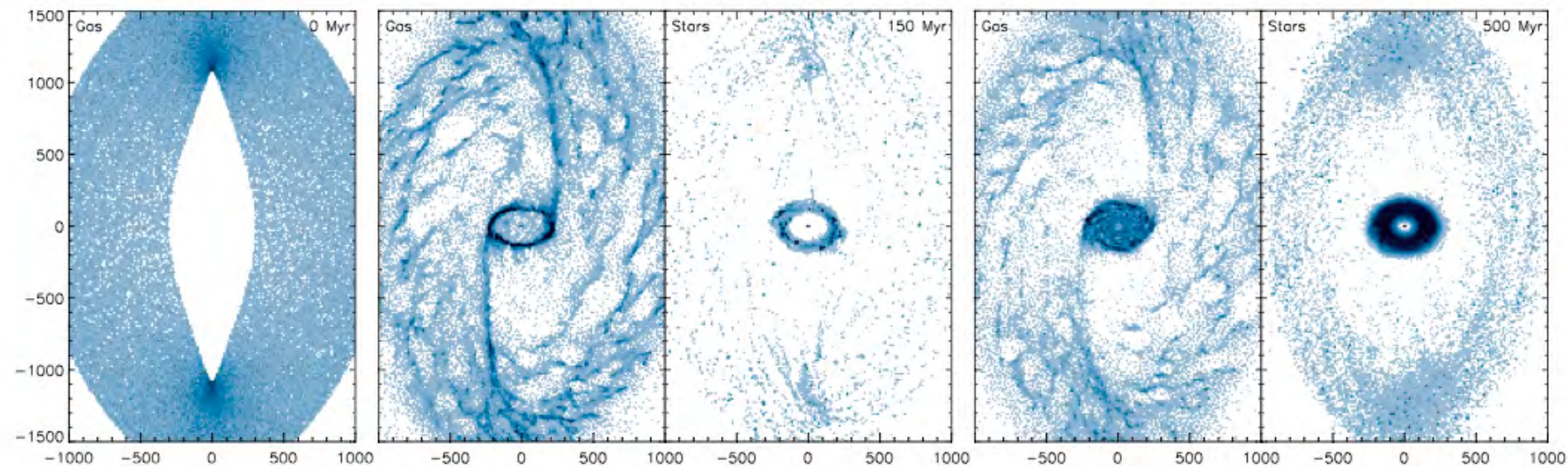
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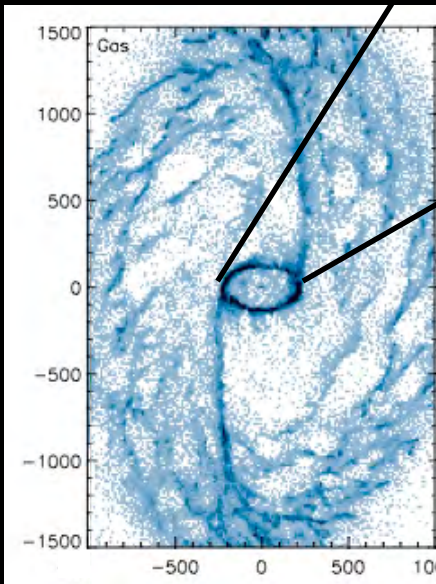
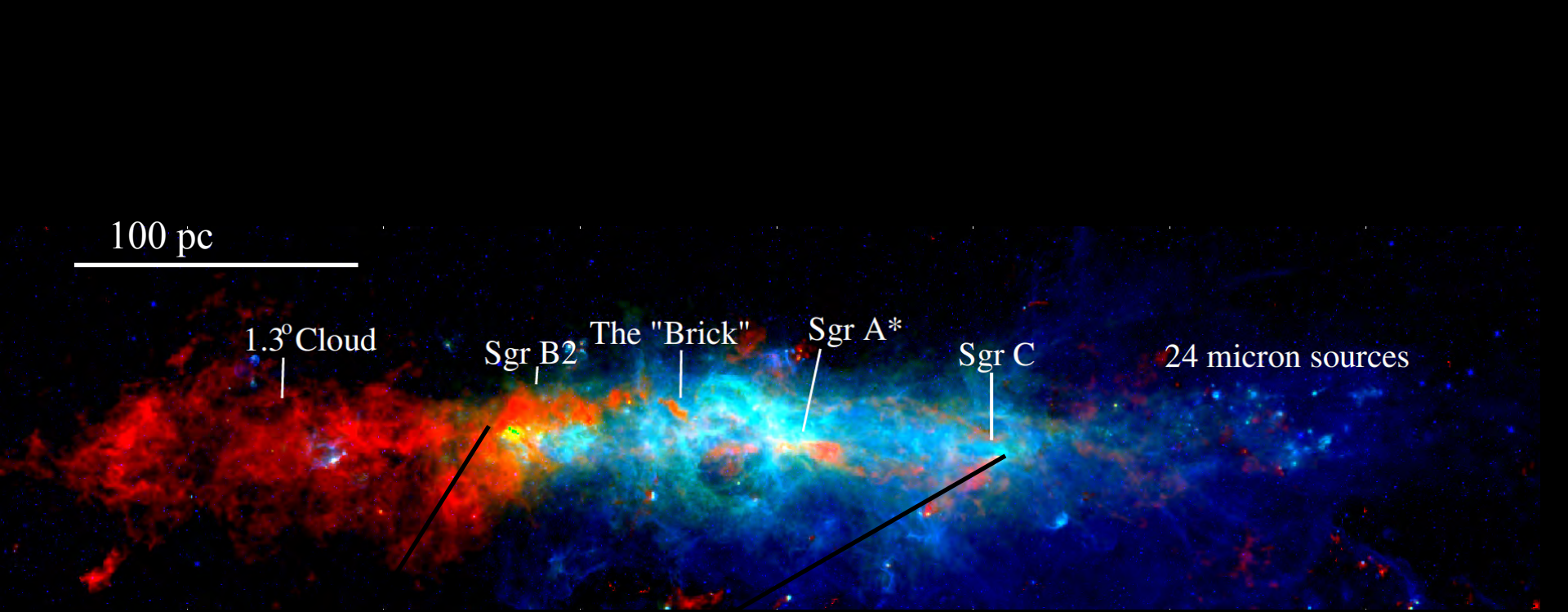
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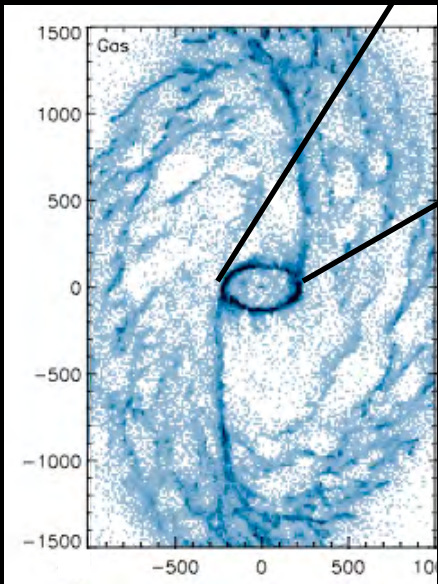
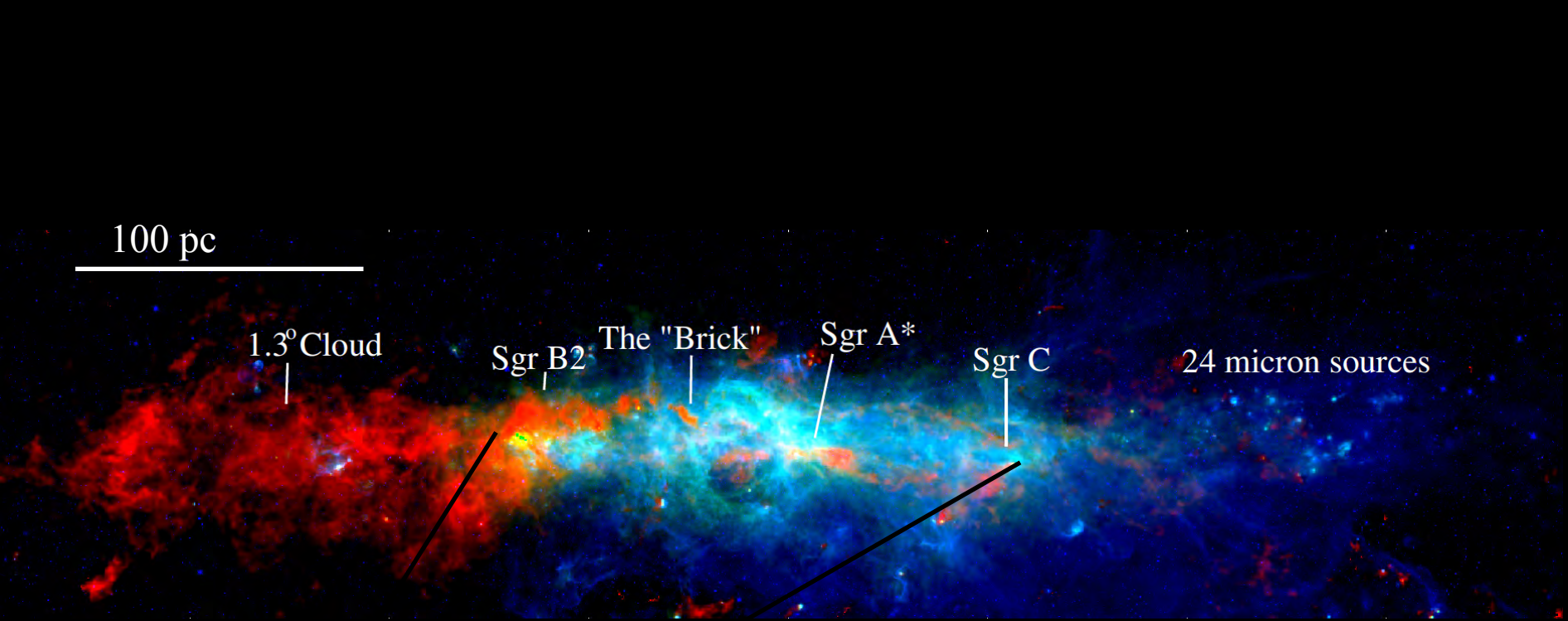
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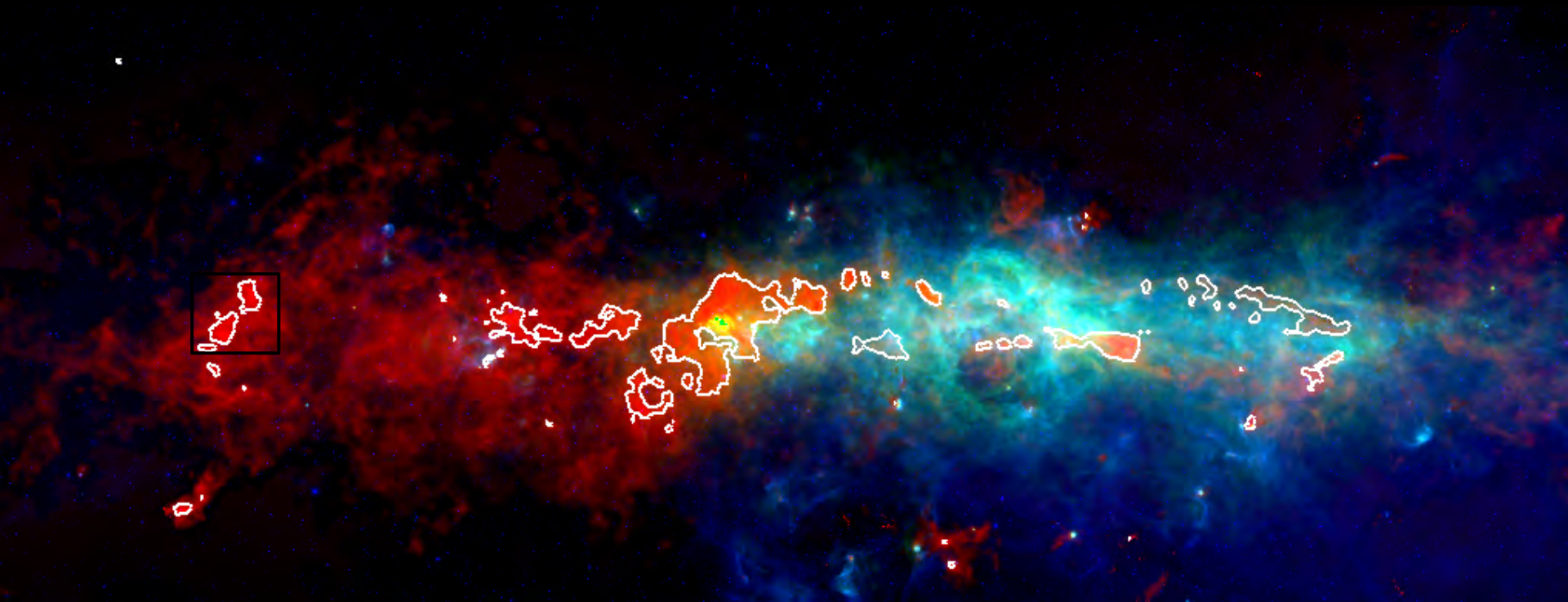
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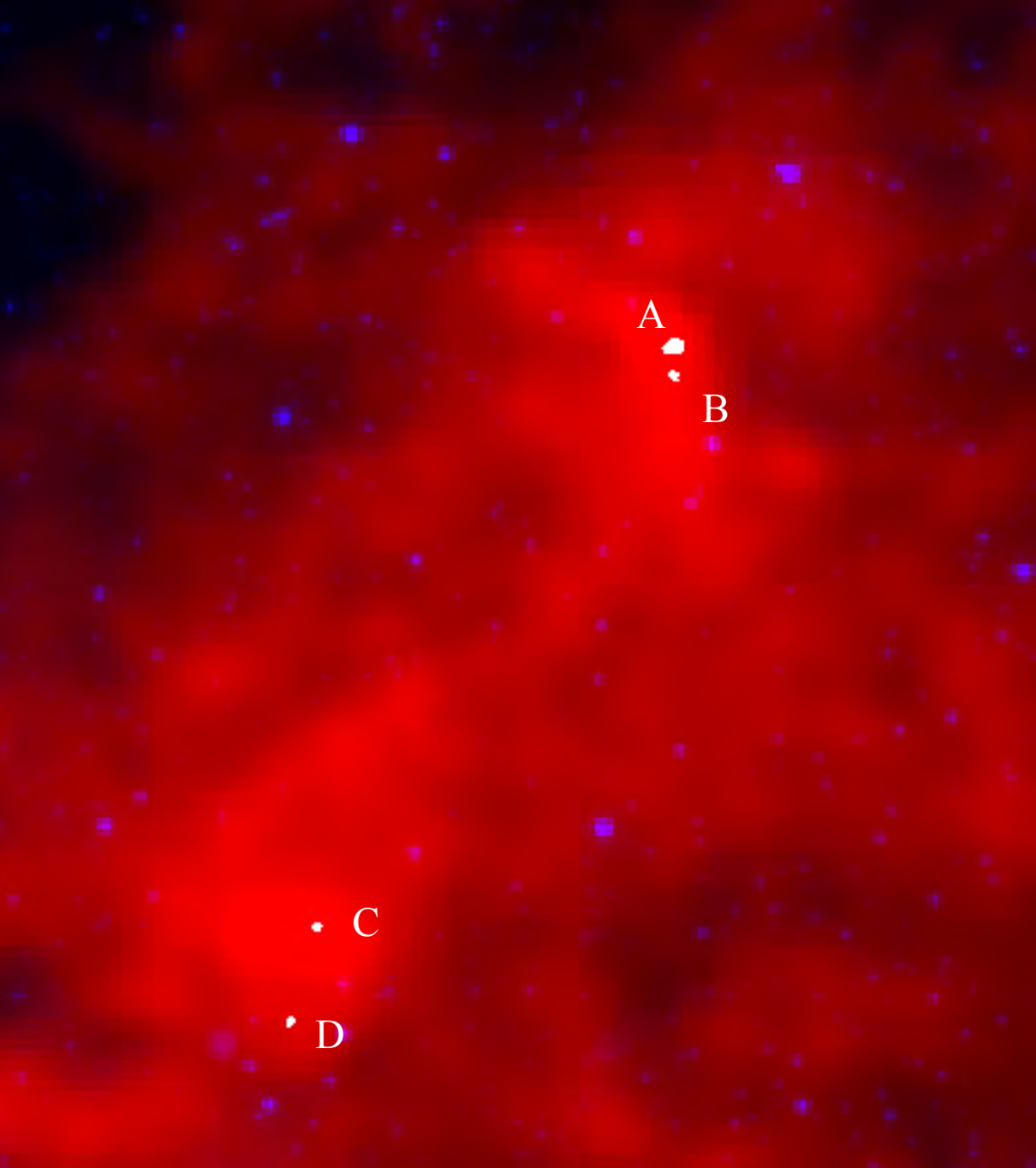
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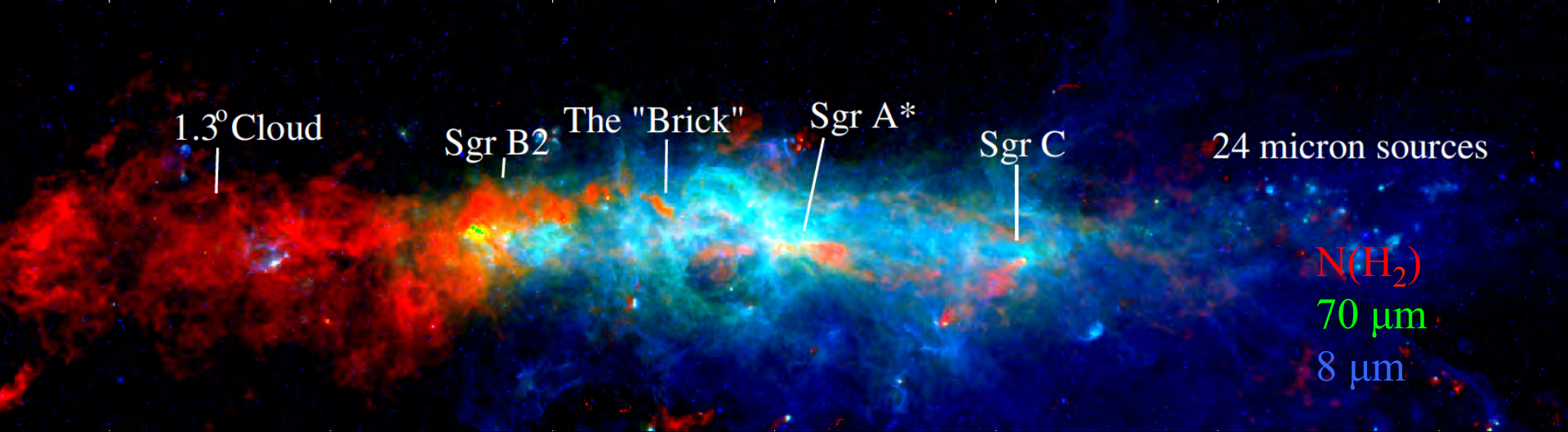
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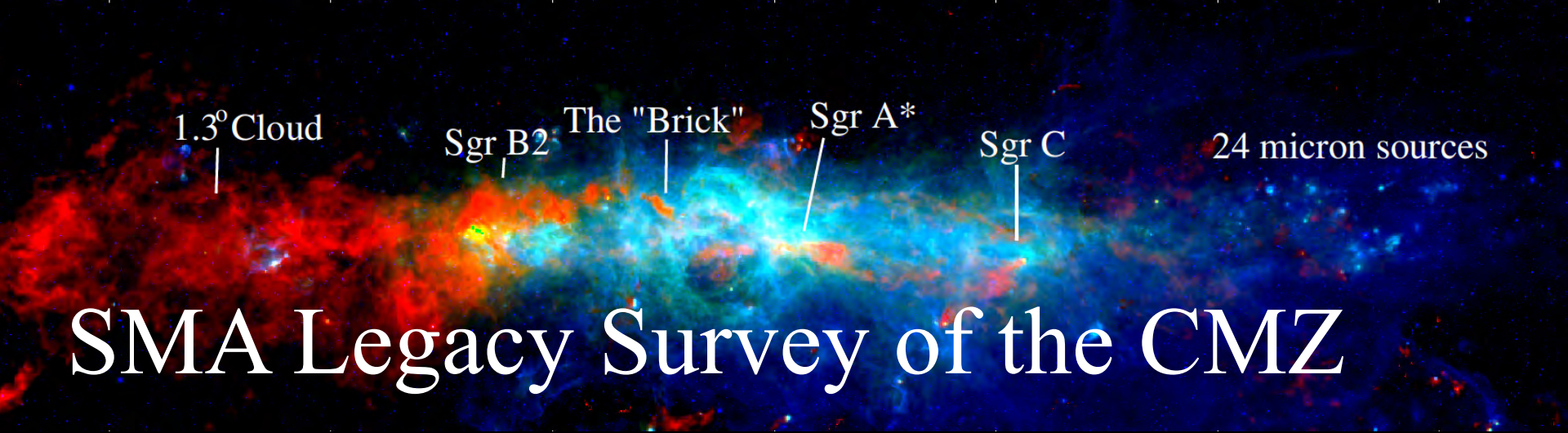






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## Current Projects Overview

Survey overview, dense core catalog: Battersby and Keto

Column Density PDFs: Graham and Battersby

X1 orbit analysis: Bally

Cloud Structure and SFRs with the extended Press-Schechter Formalism: Keto

Deeply Embedded High-mass Star Formation in the CMZ Clouds: Lu and Zhang

Testing models of CMZ morphology: Kruijssen

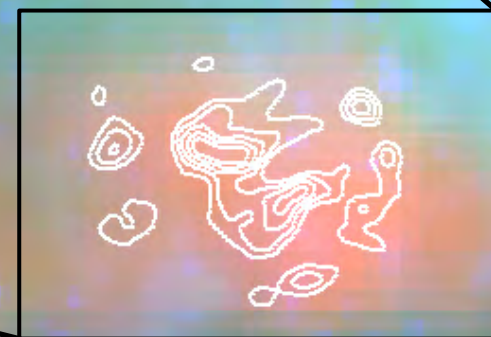
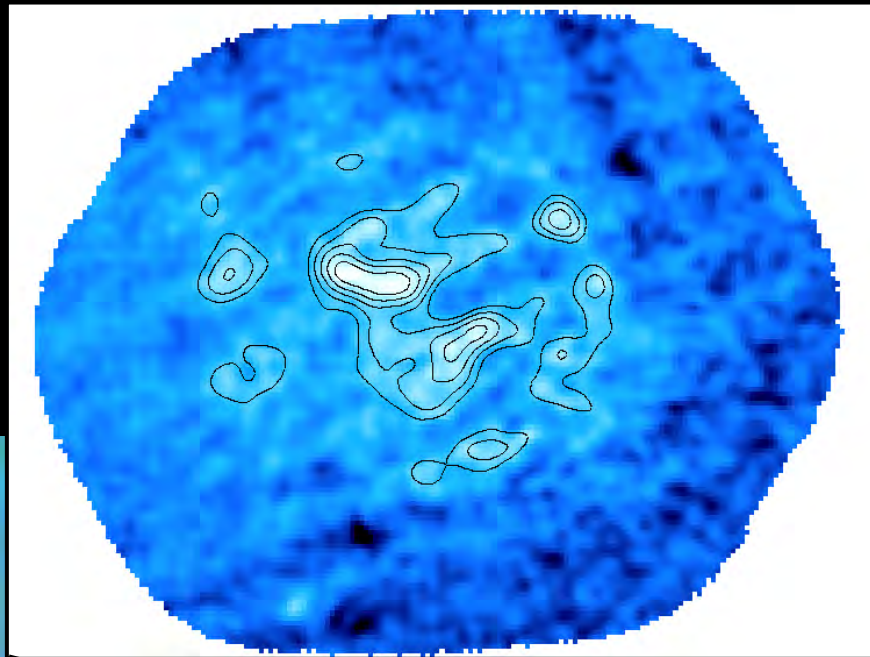
Temperature Structure of CMZ Clouds: Kauffmann and Pillai

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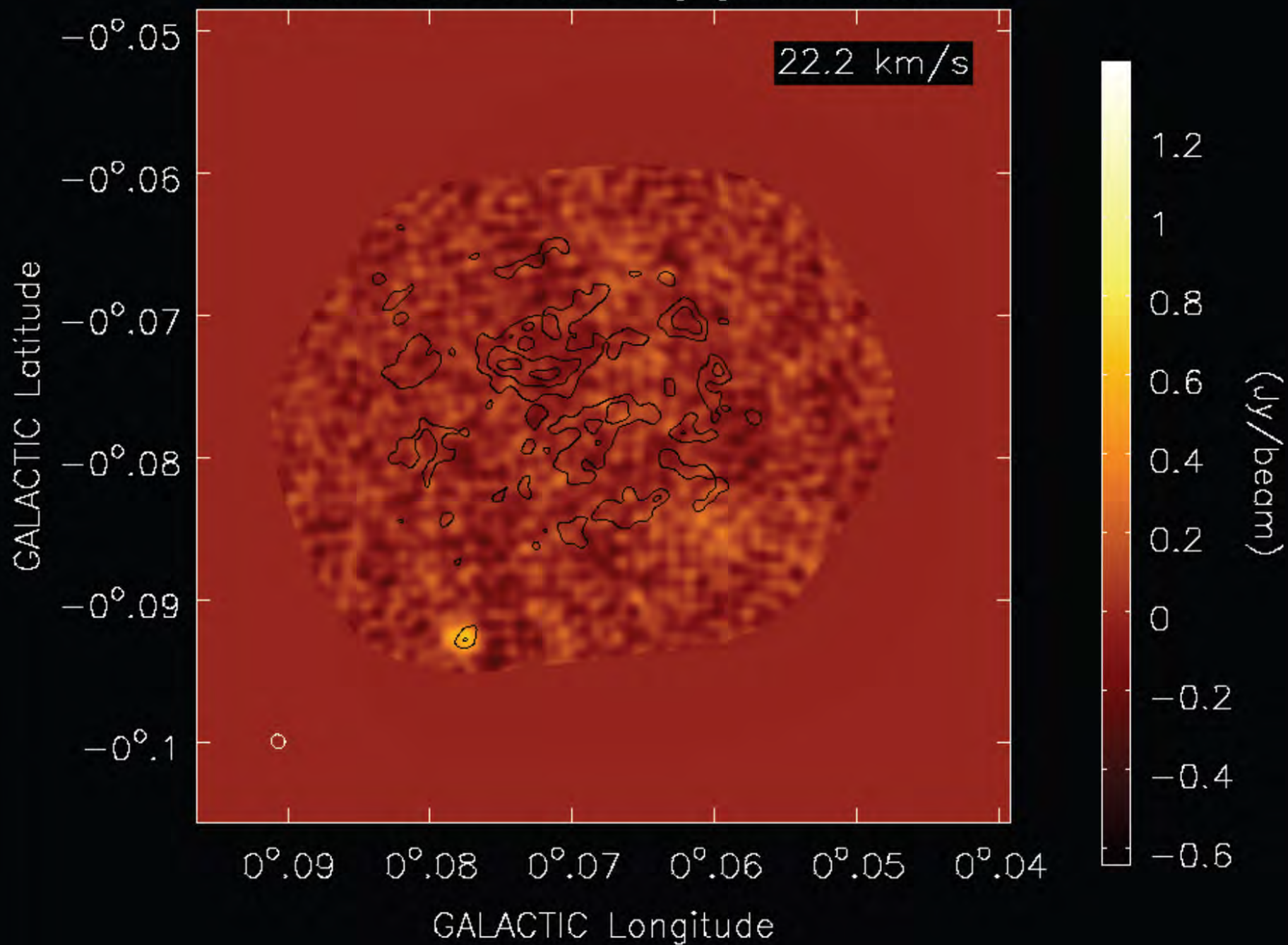
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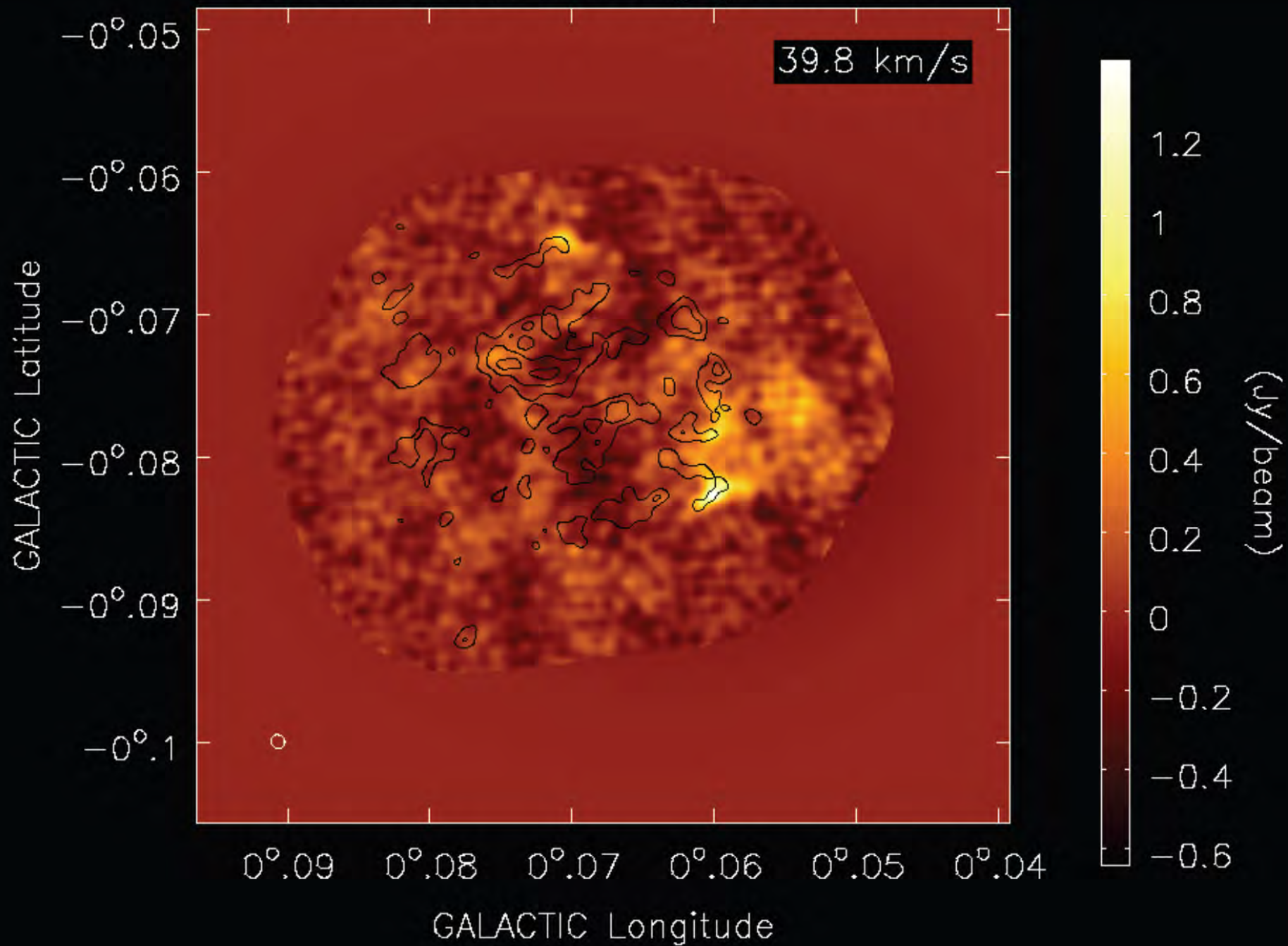




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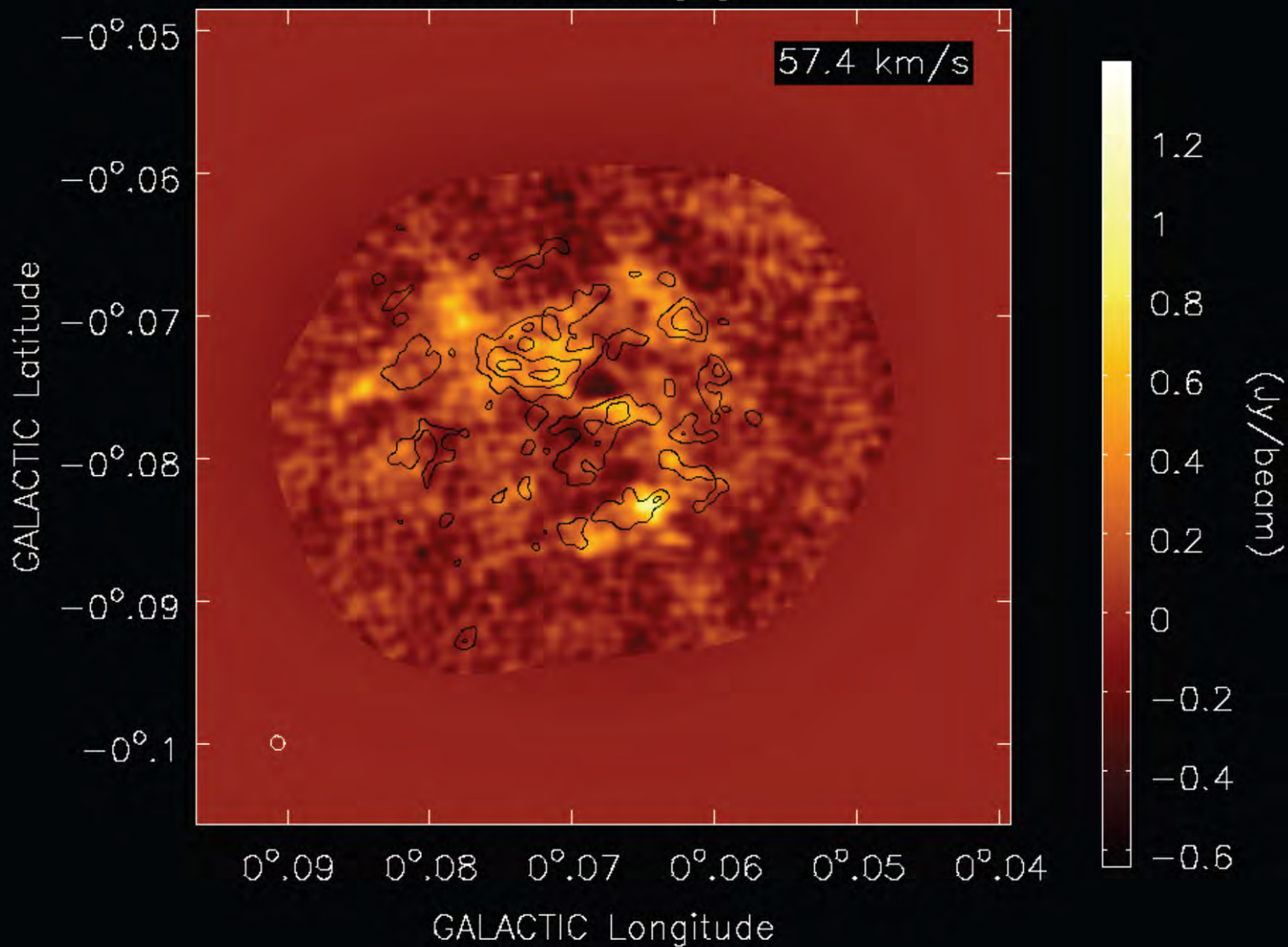


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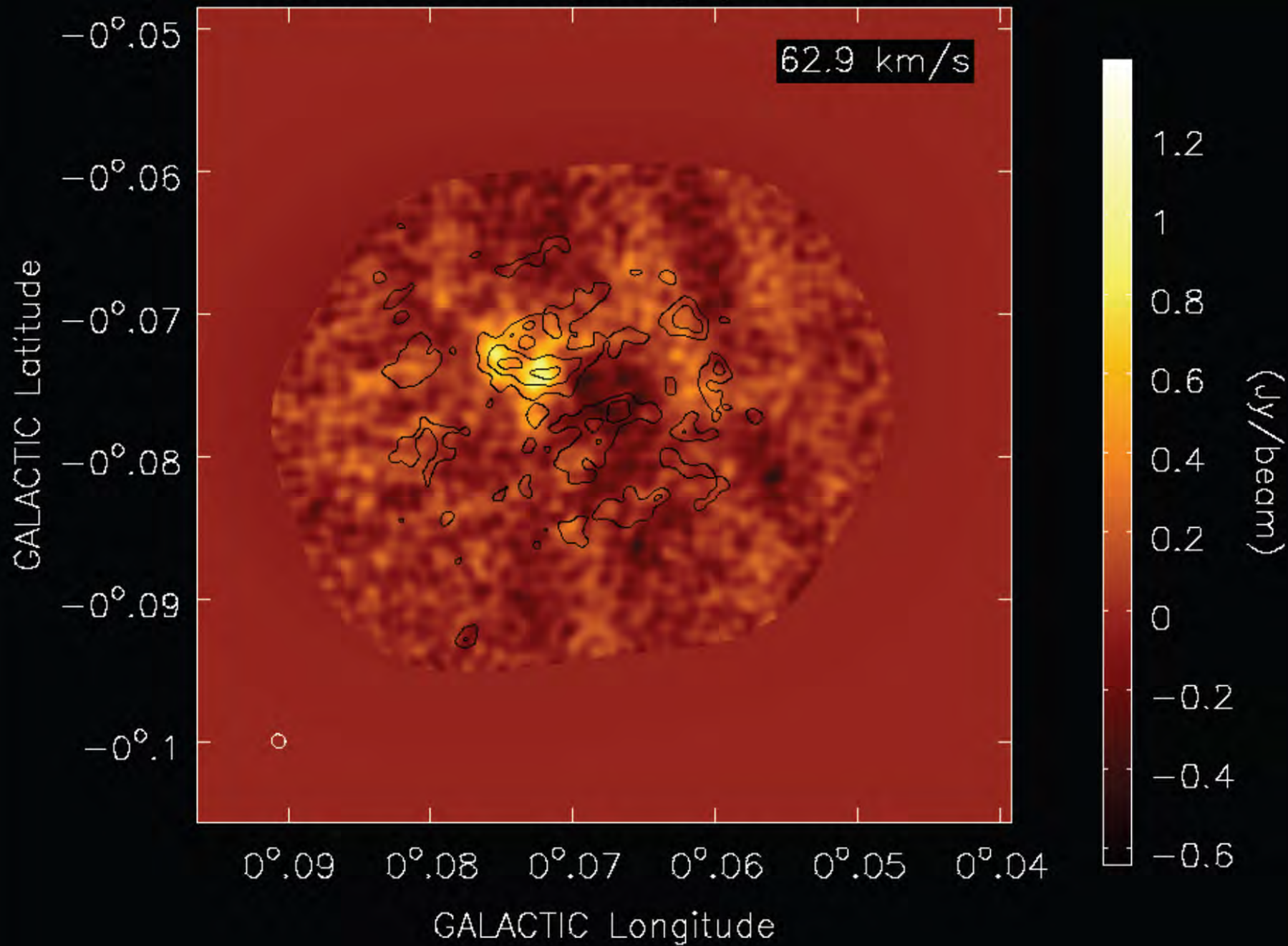


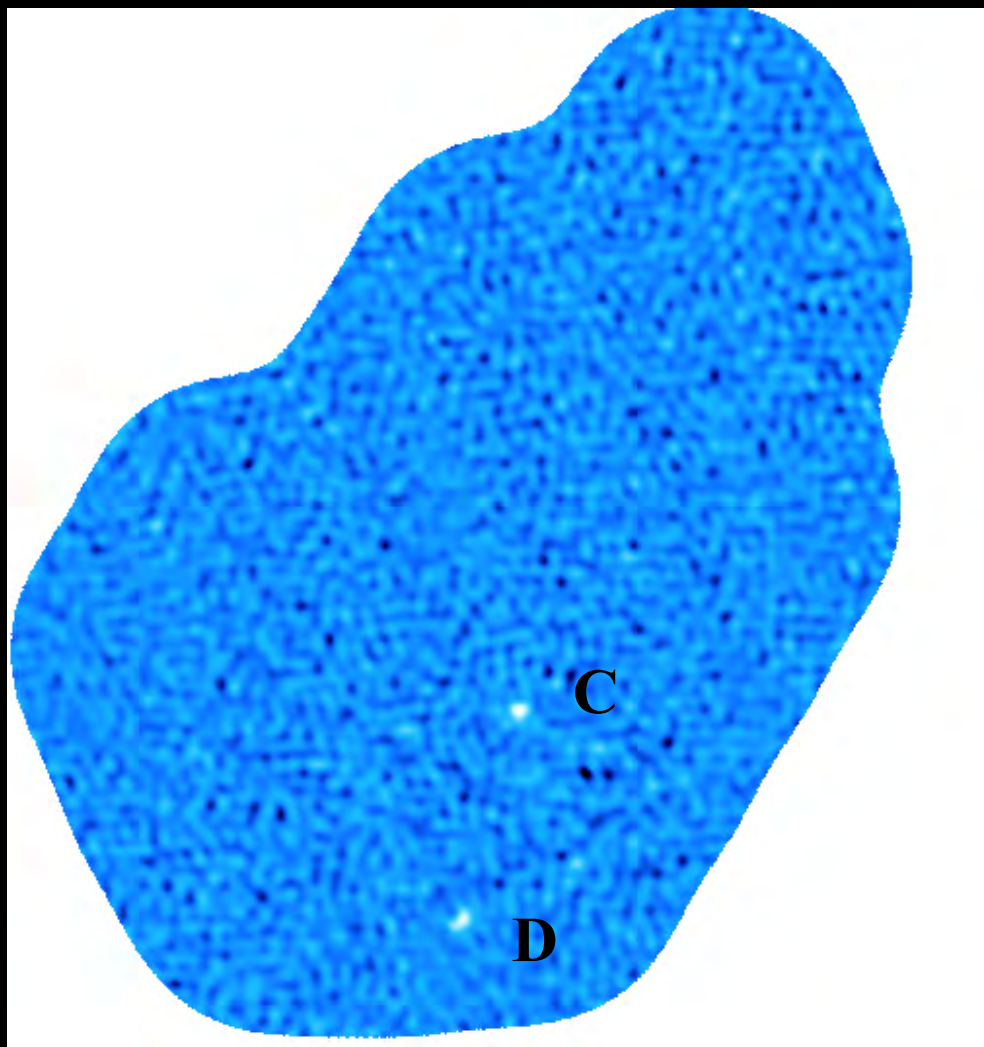
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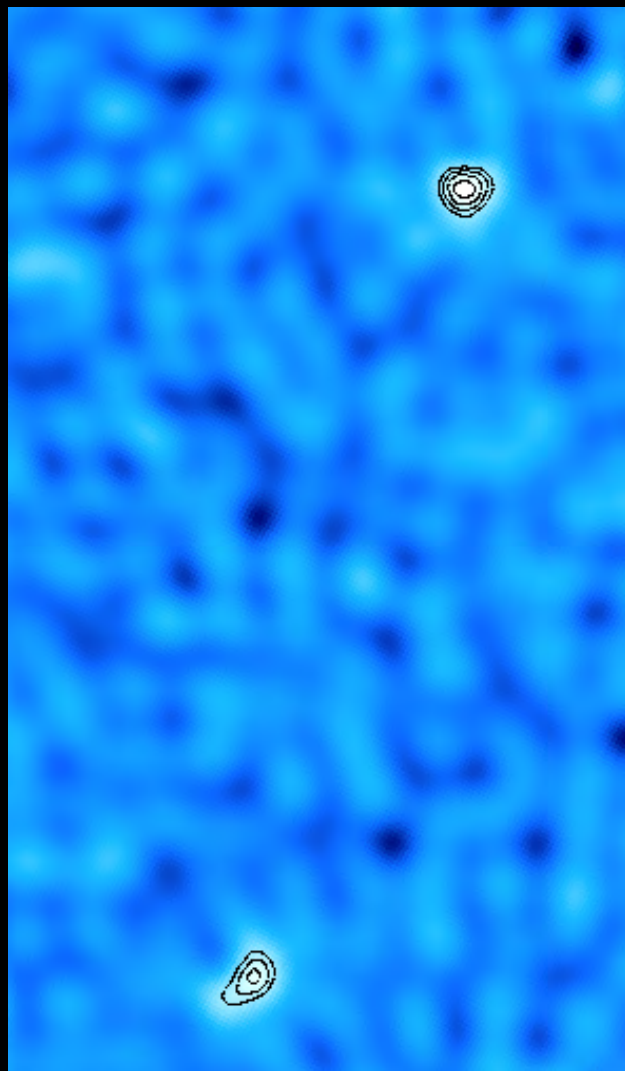
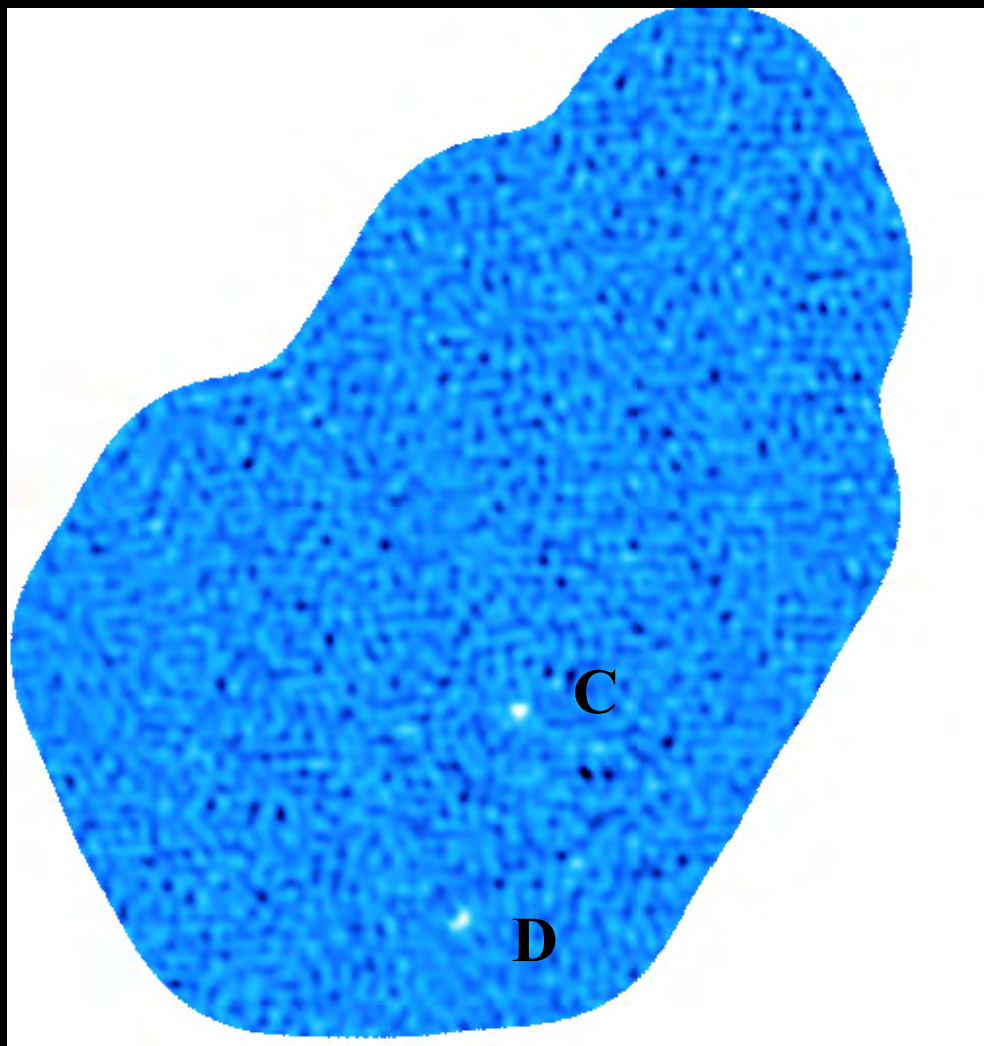




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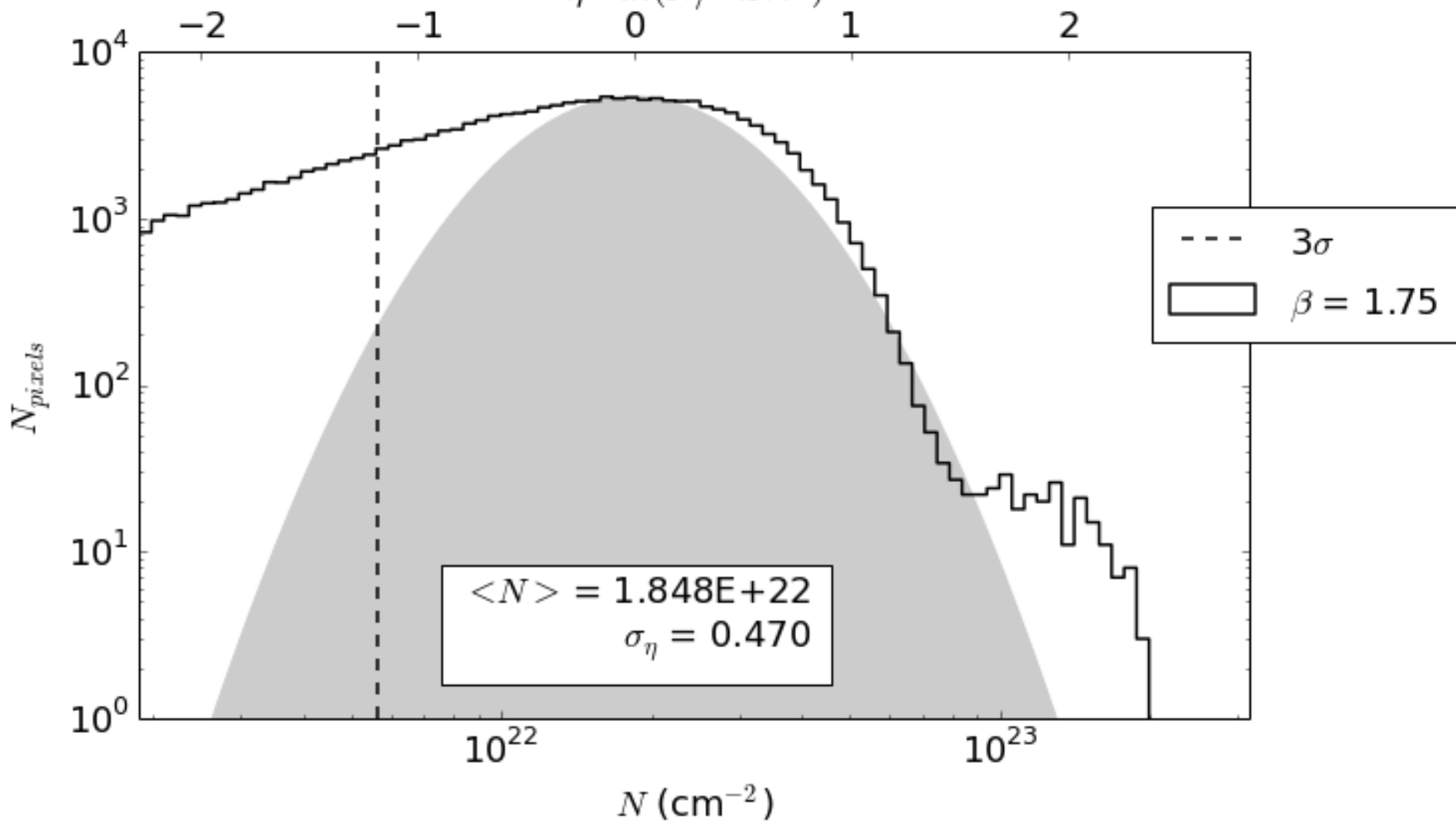


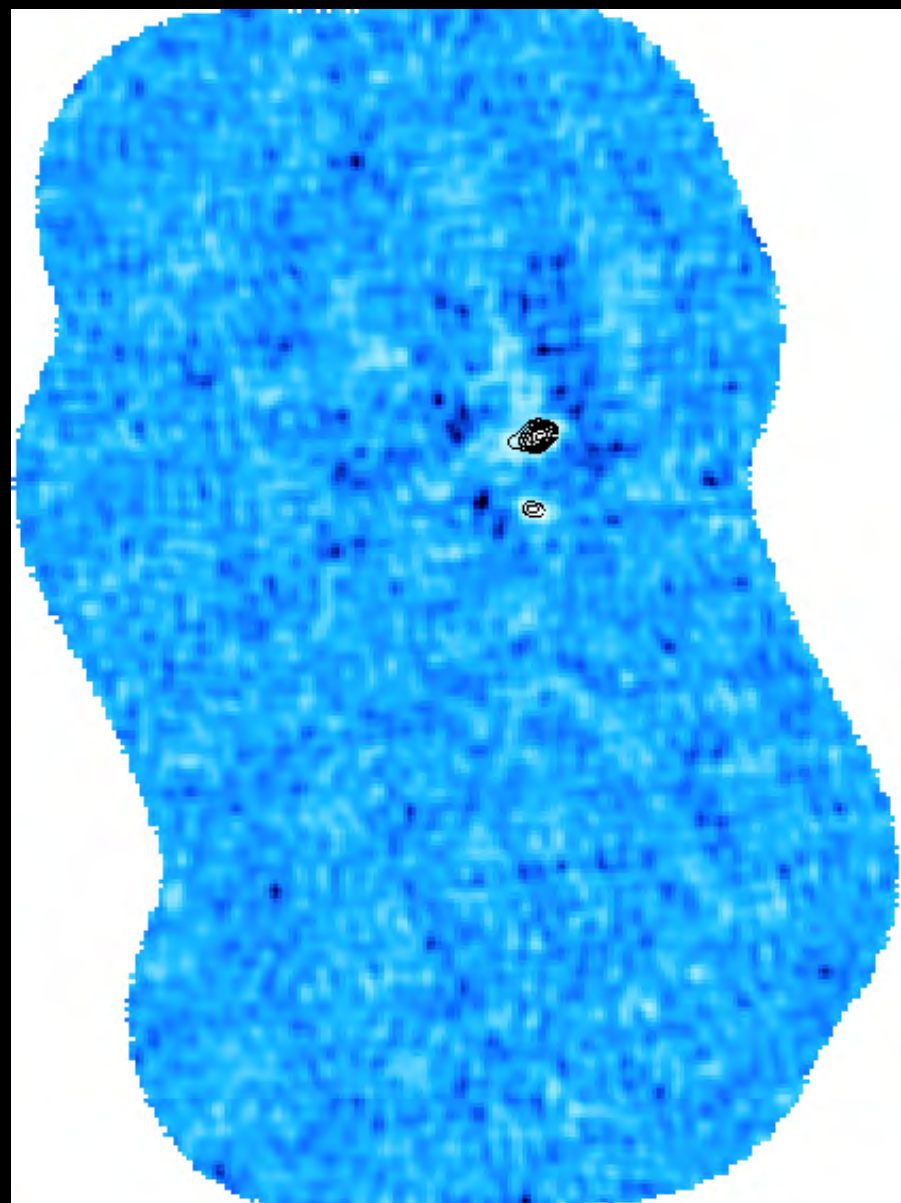
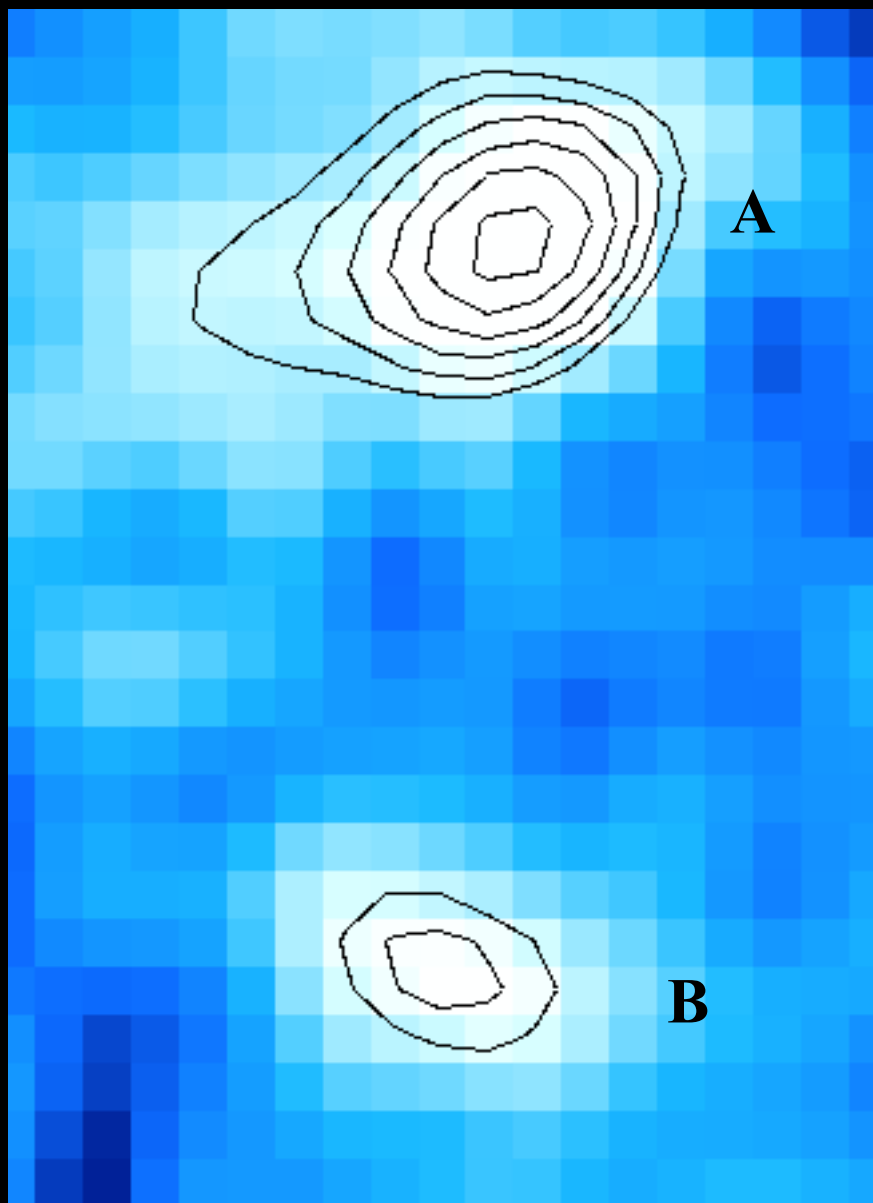




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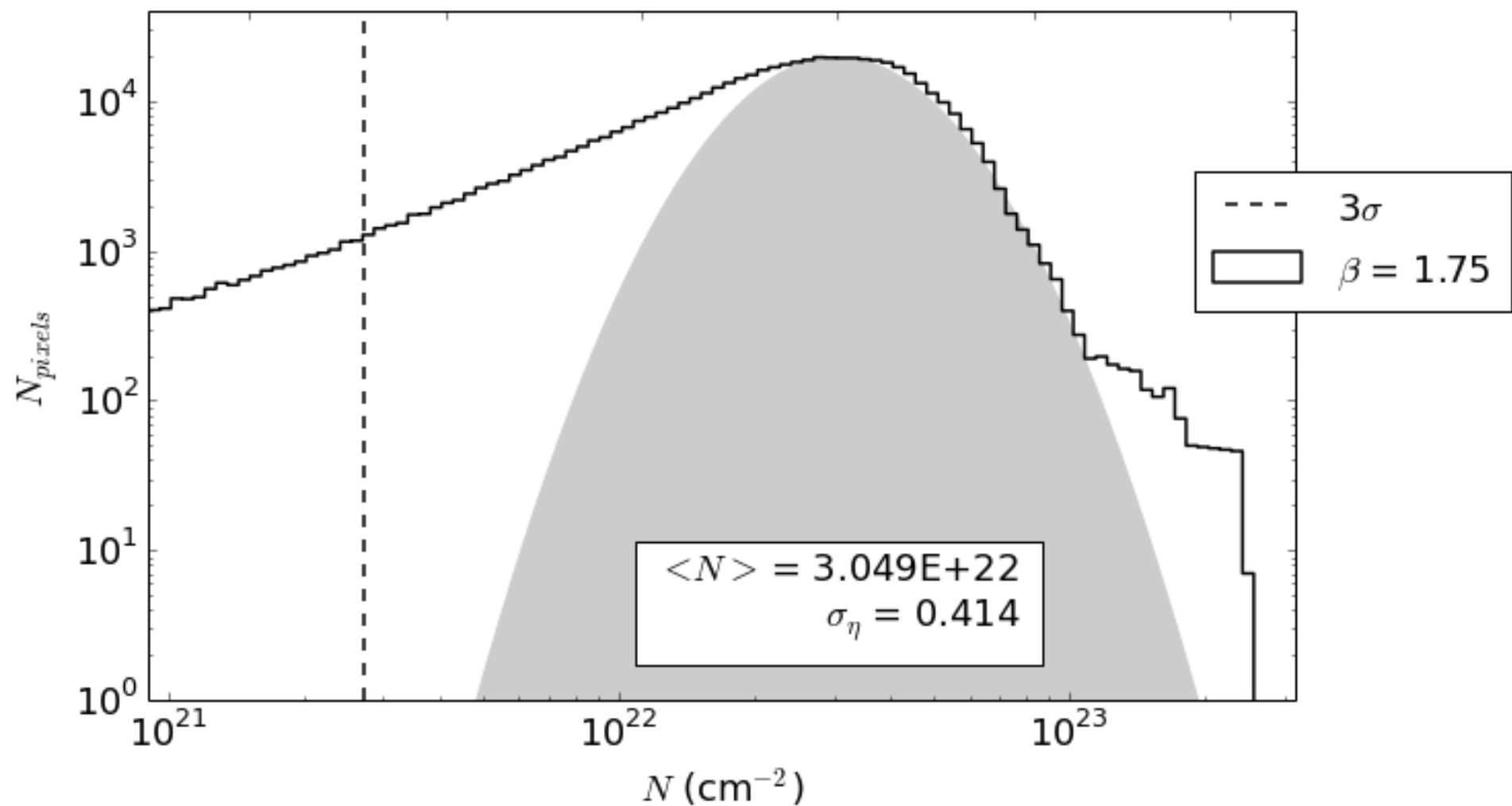
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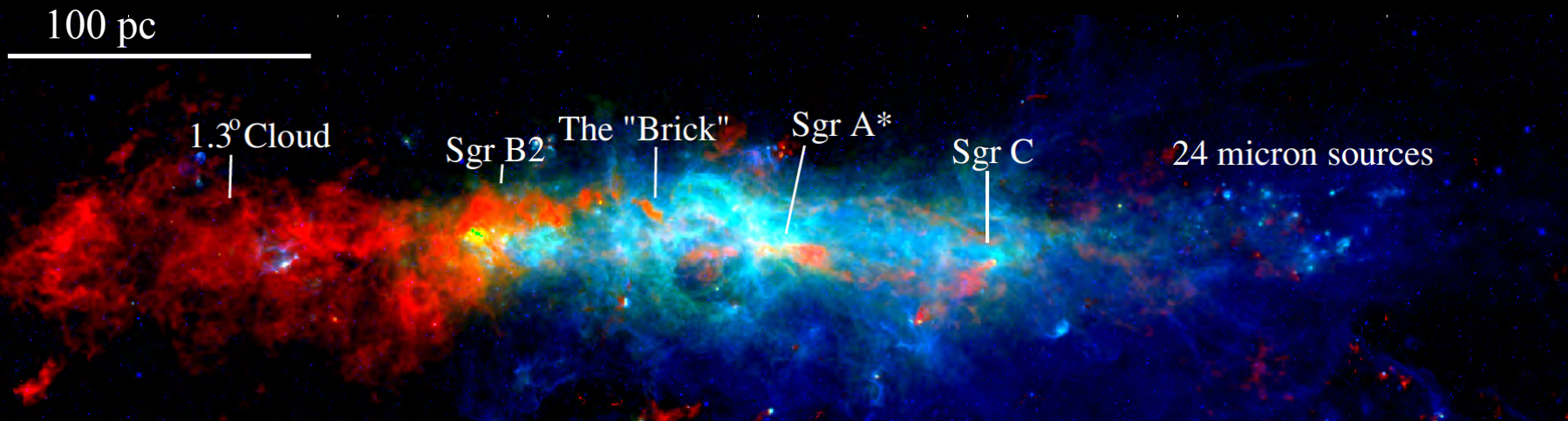
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# The Wild West of Star Formation



$\Delta v \sim 10\times$  higher

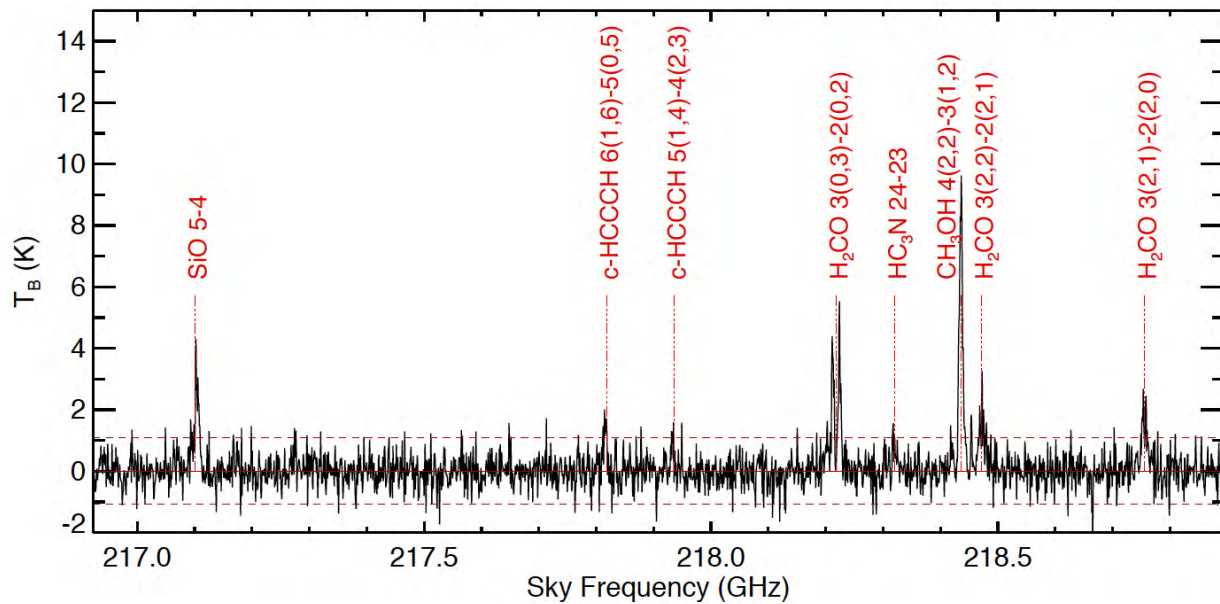
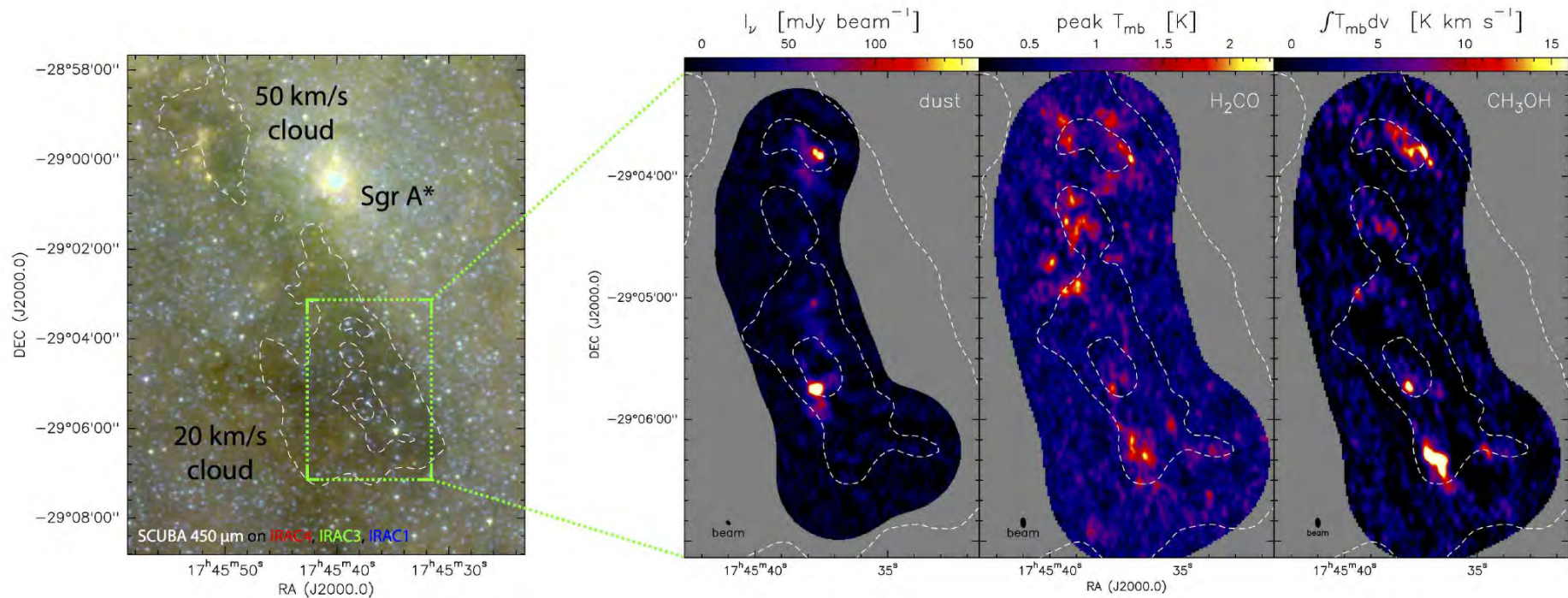
$n \sim 10\text{-}100\times$  higher

High temperatures, ubiquitous exotic molecules

$N(\text{H}_2)$

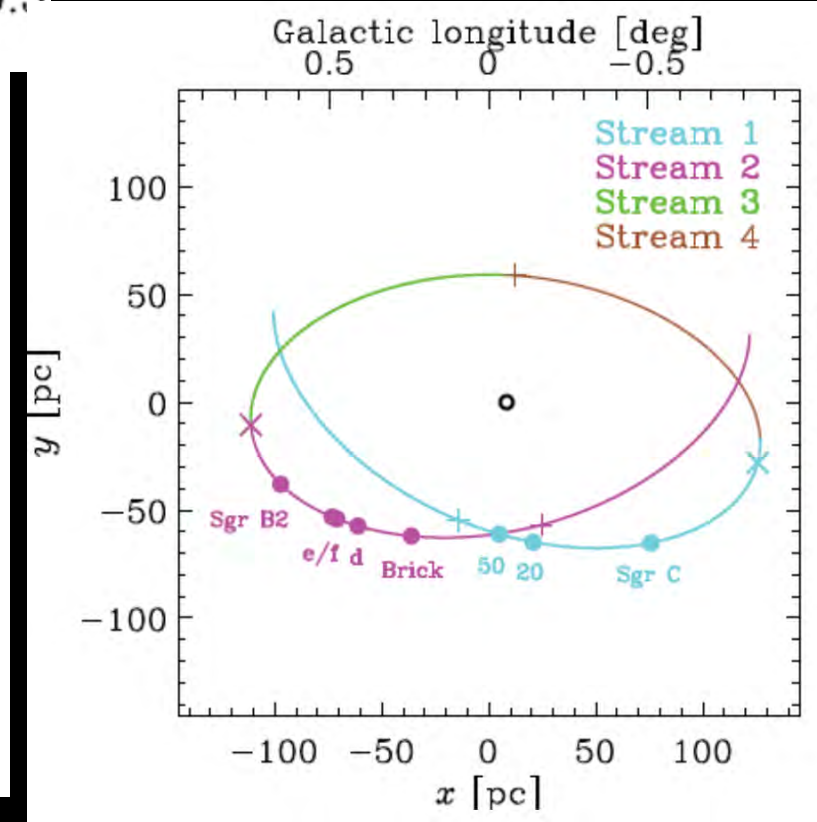
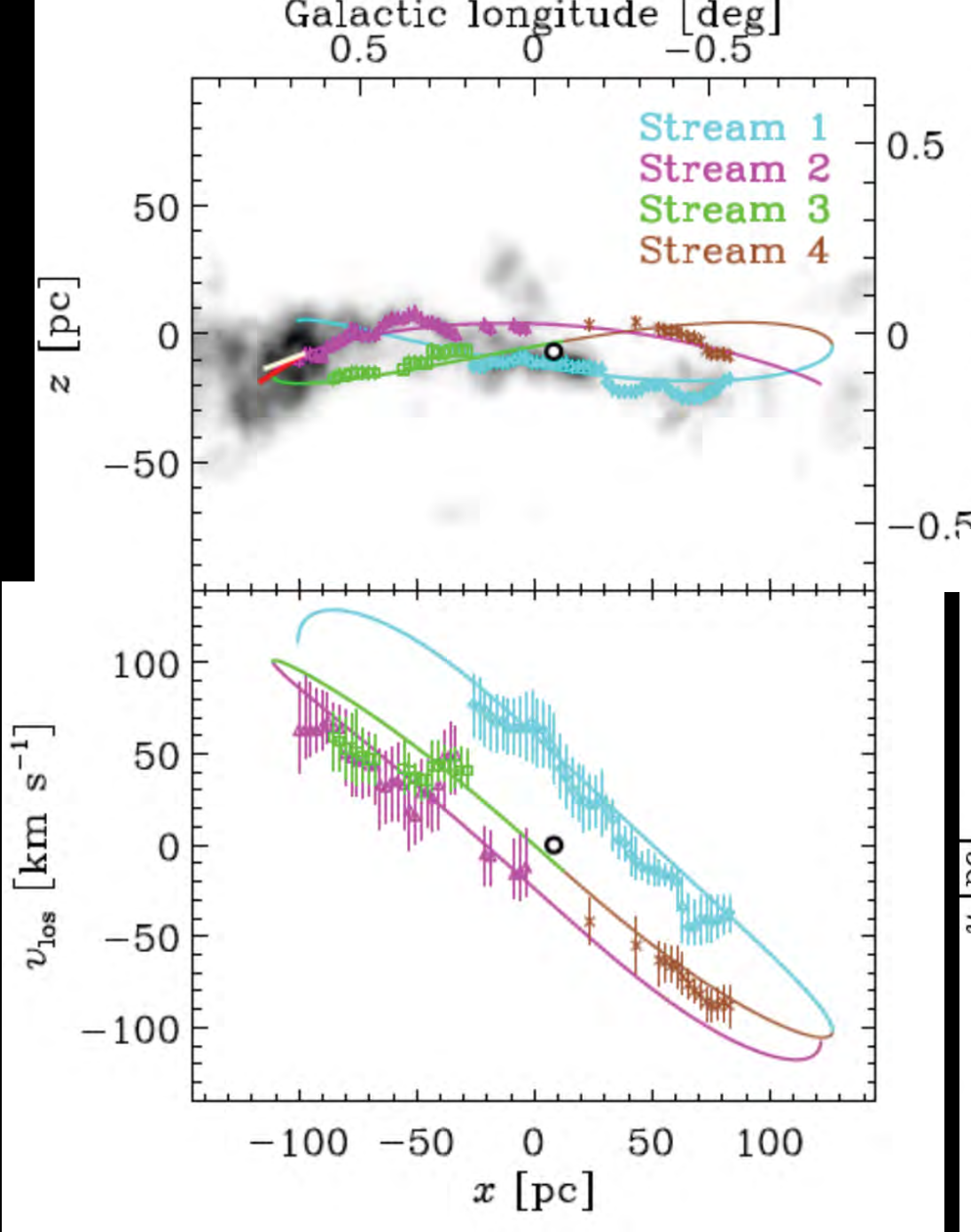
70  $\mu\text{m}$

8  $\mu\text{m}$

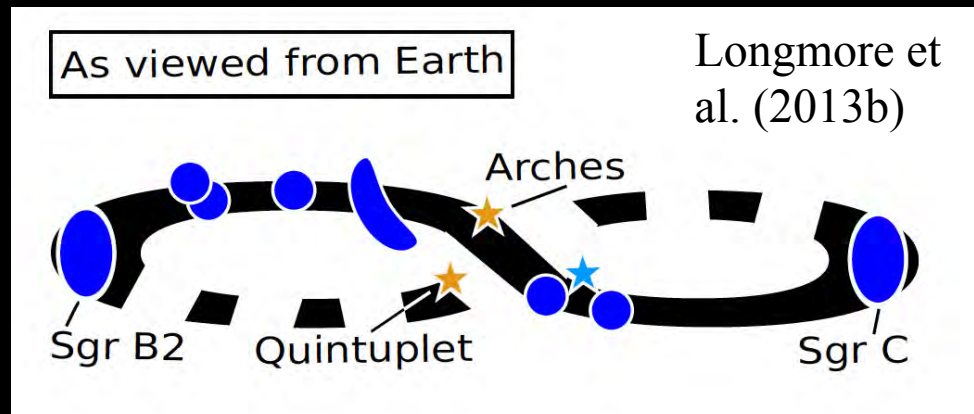
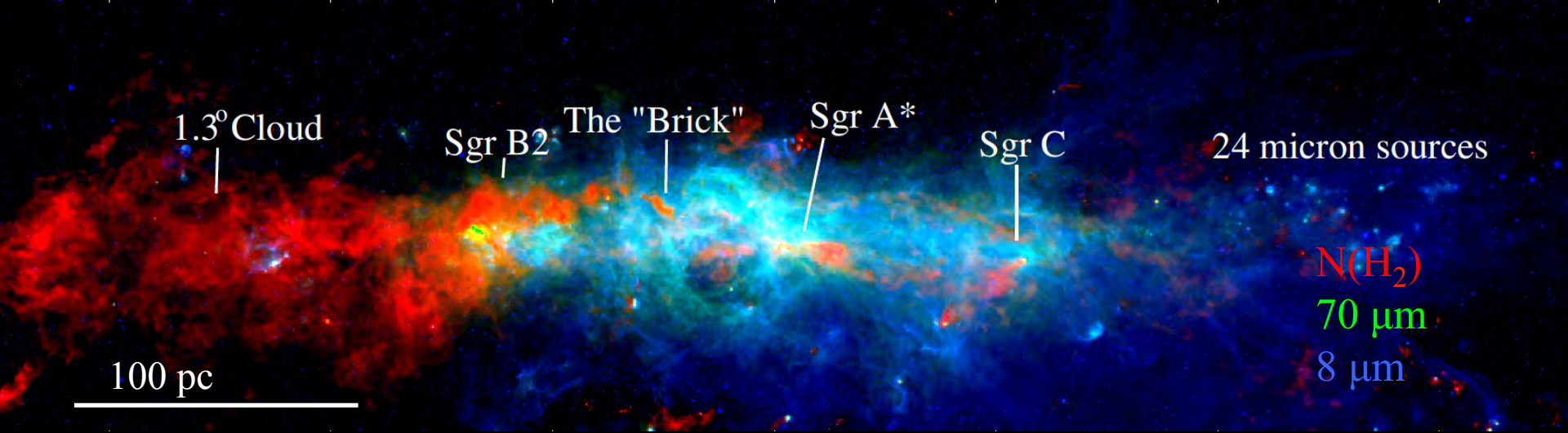


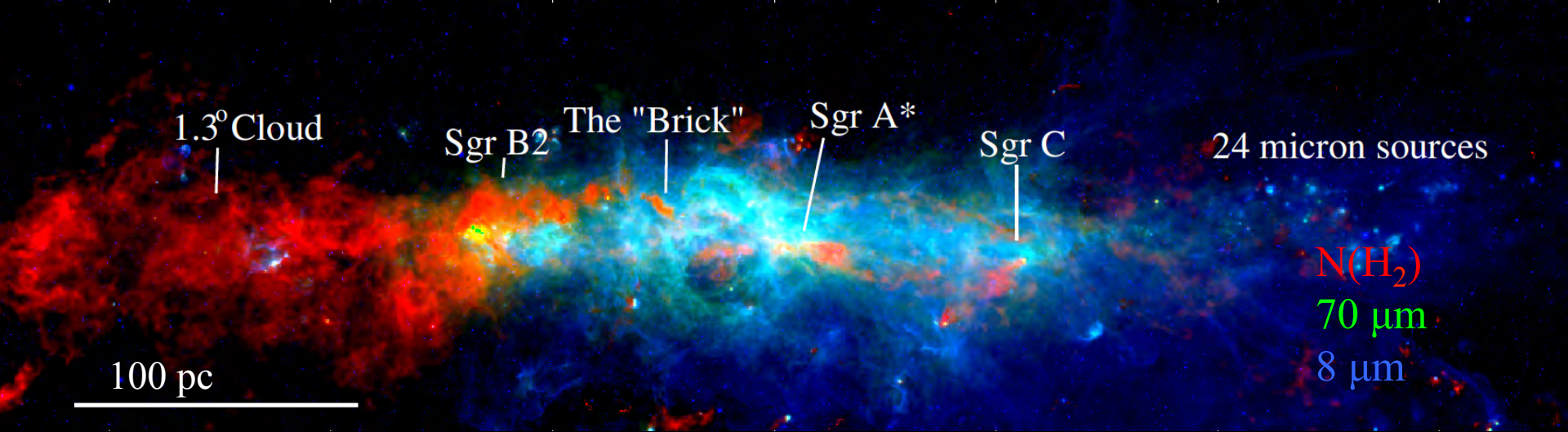
Pilot – PI: Xing  
 (Walker) Lu

# New orbital models from Co-Is Kruijssen and Longmore (Kruijssen et al. 2015)

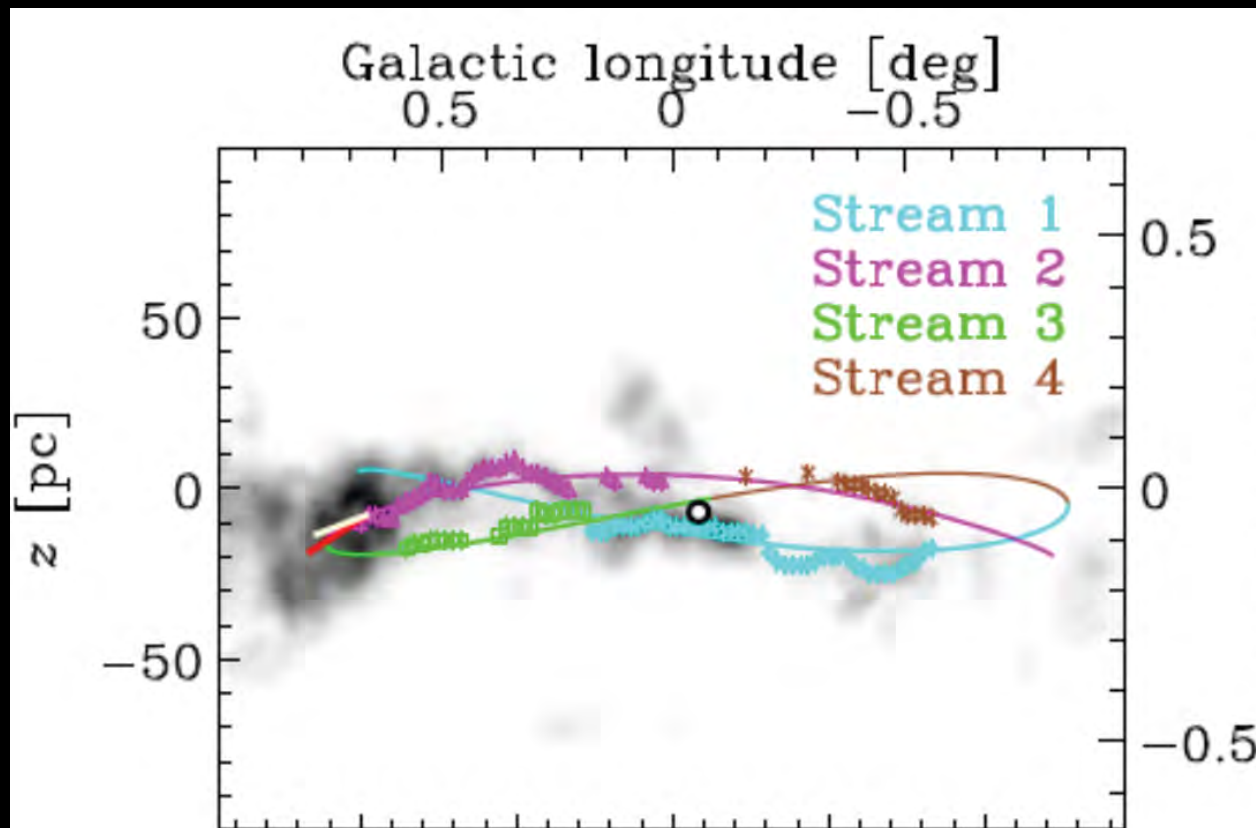


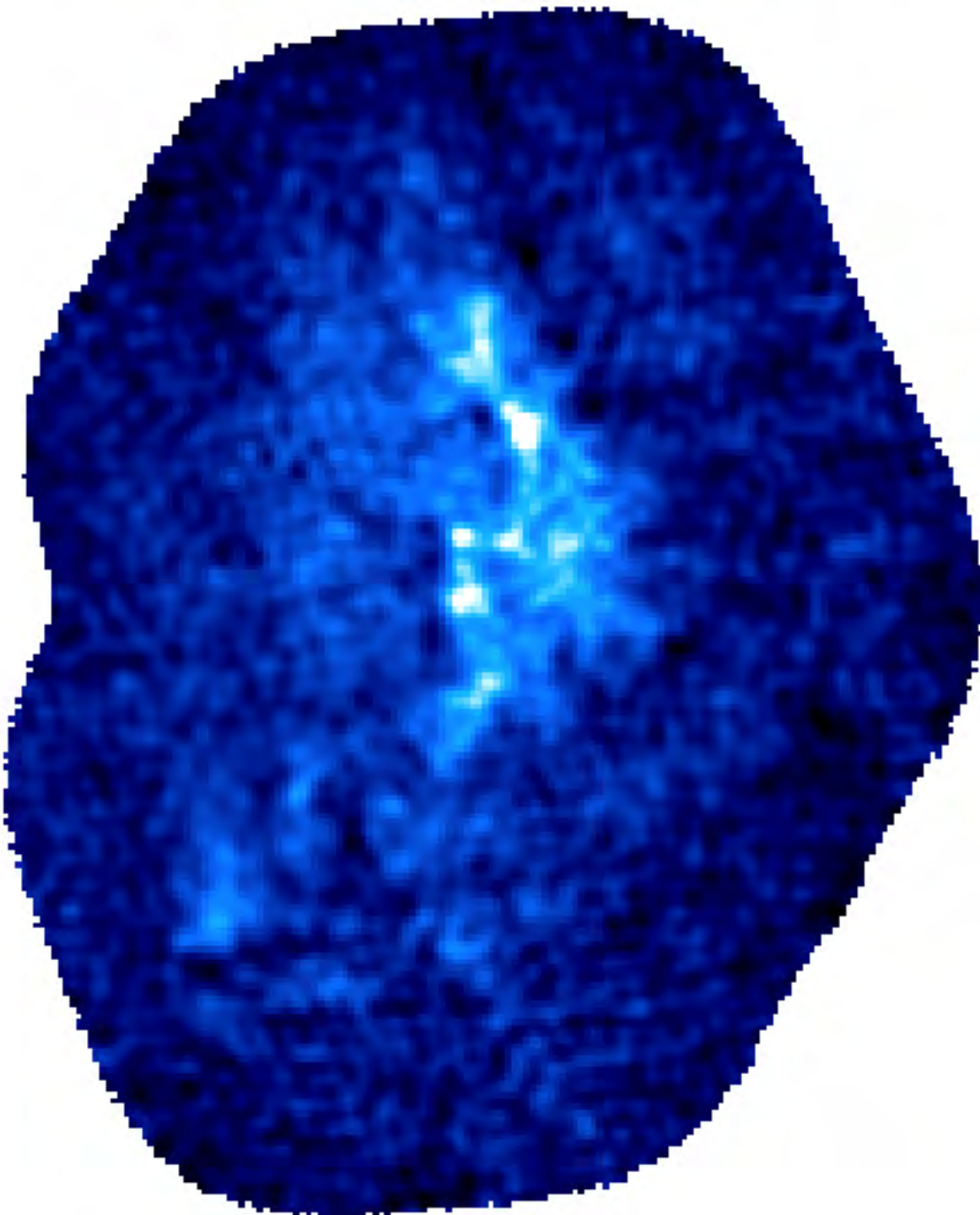






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