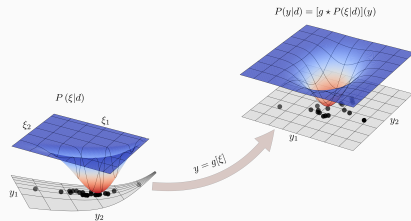


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USING PROBABILISTIC REASONING & FORWARD MODELING



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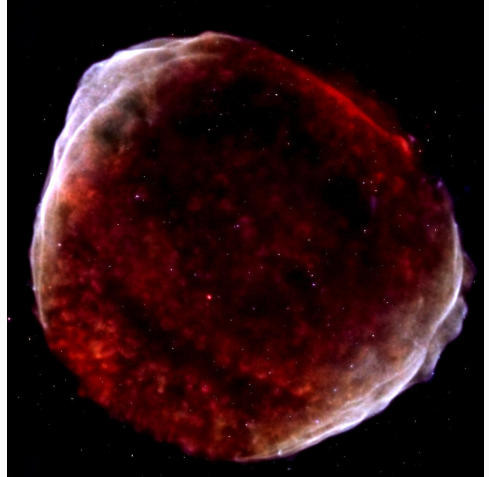
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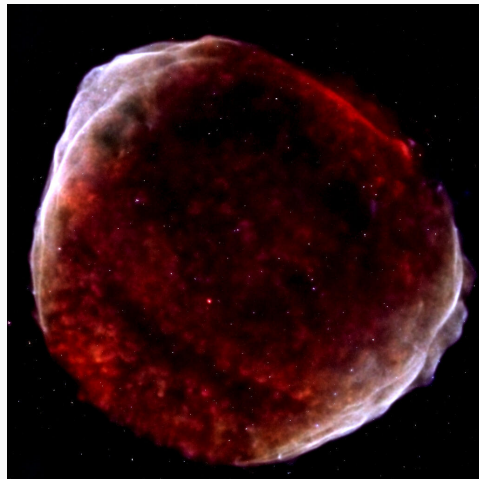


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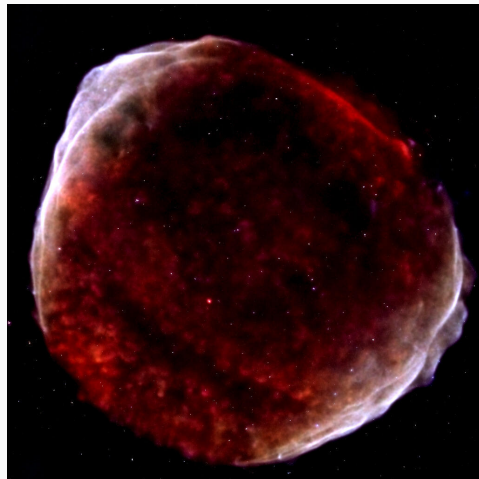
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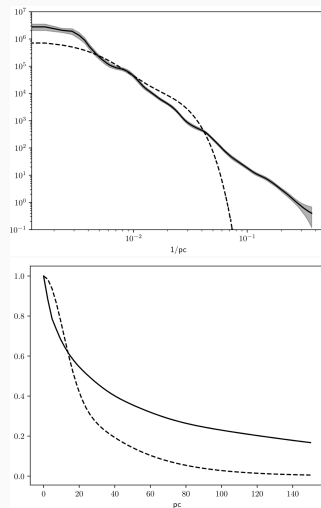


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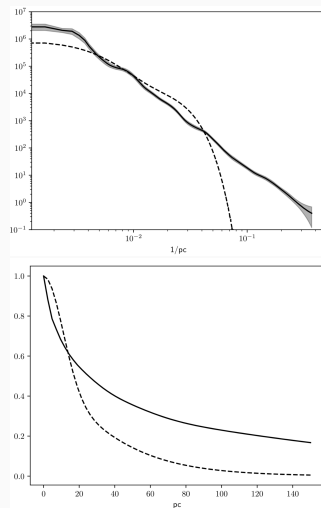


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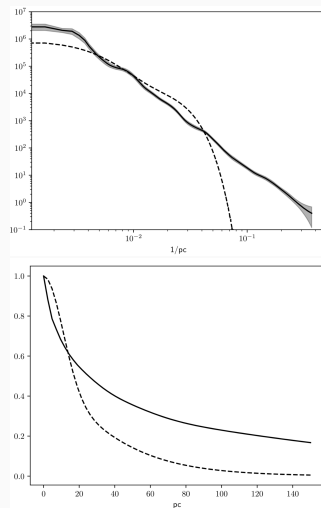


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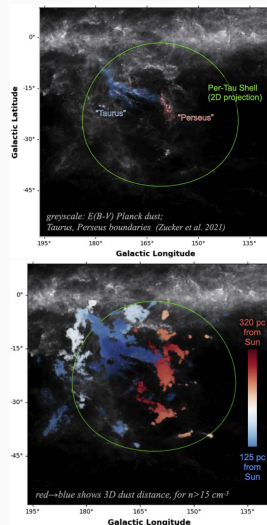


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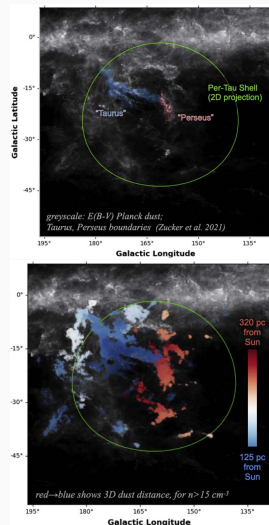


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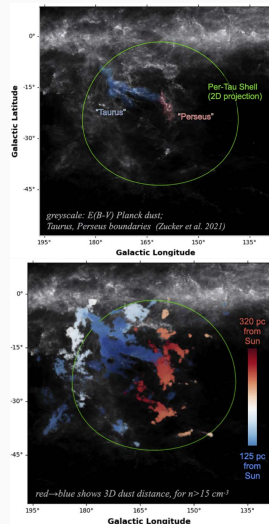


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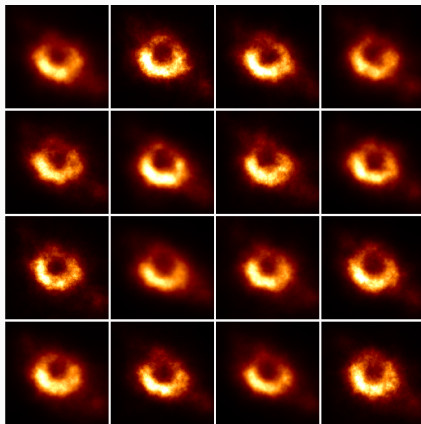
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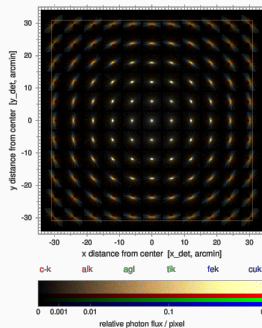
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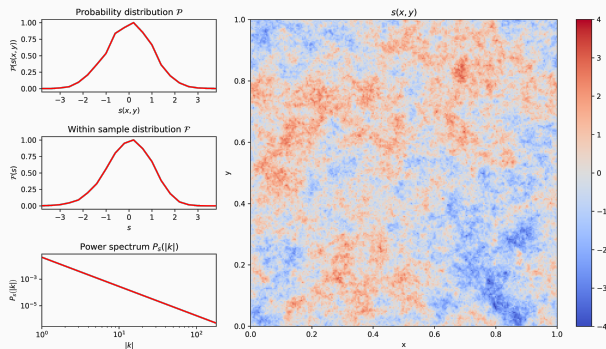
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$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{P}(s|m, C) &= \mathcal{N}(s; m, C) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|2\pi C|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(s - m)^\dagger C^{-1}(s - m)\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{|2\pi C|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \int \int (s(x) - m(x)) C^{-1}(x, y) (s(y) - m(y)) dx dy\right)\end{aligned}$$

Inverse operator:  $C^{-1}$ ; Functional determinant:  $|\bullet|$ .

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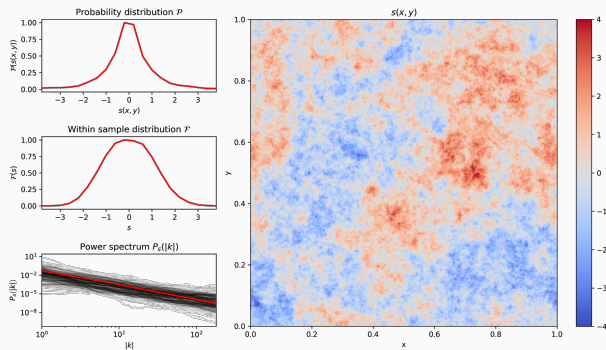
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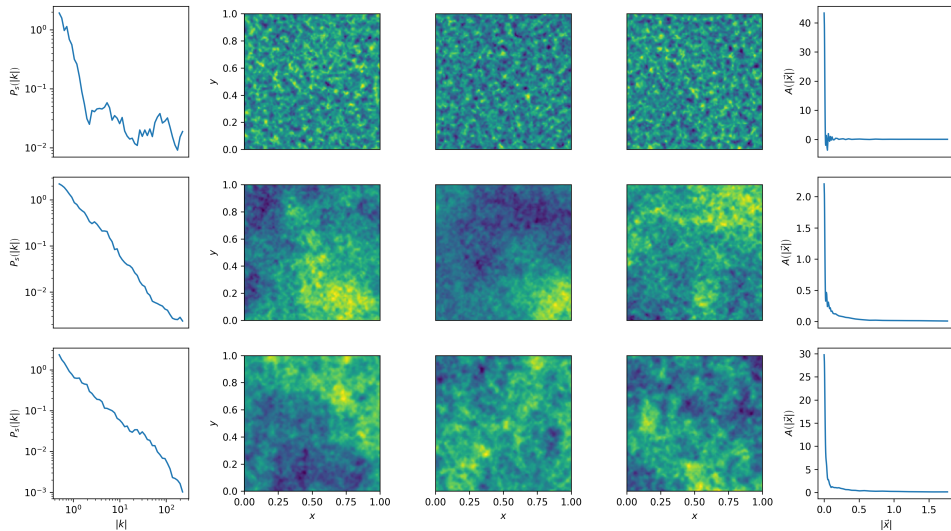
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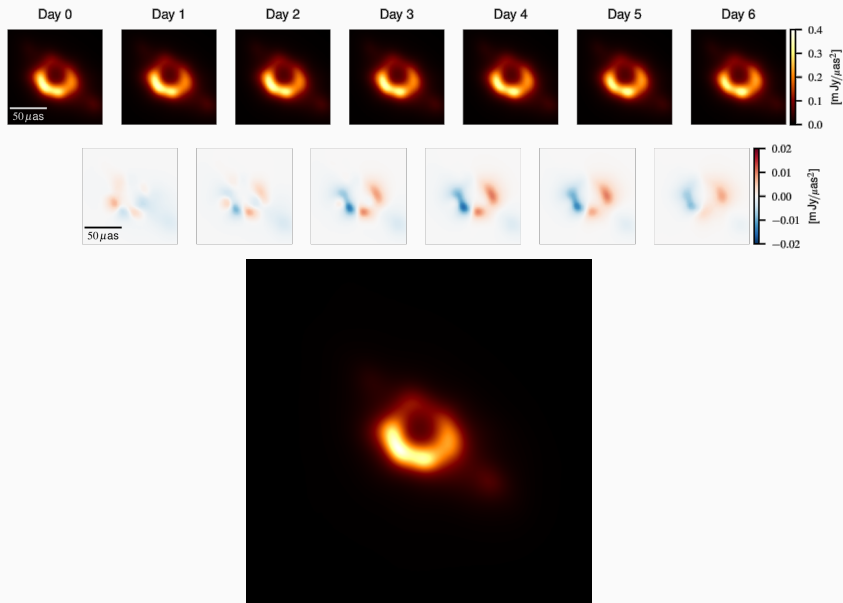


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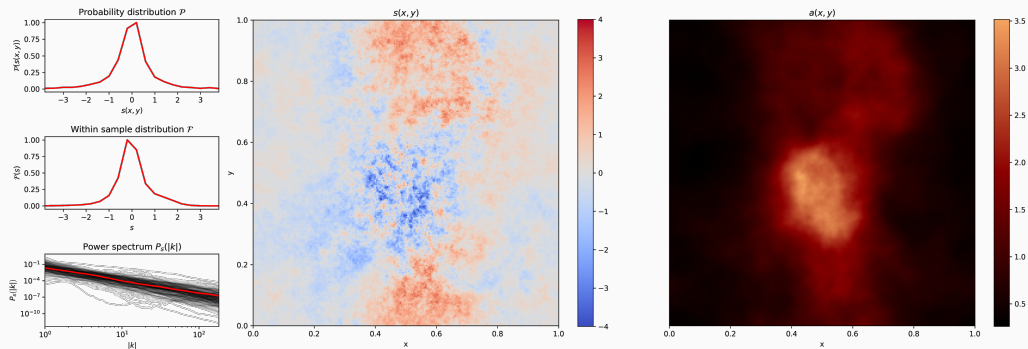


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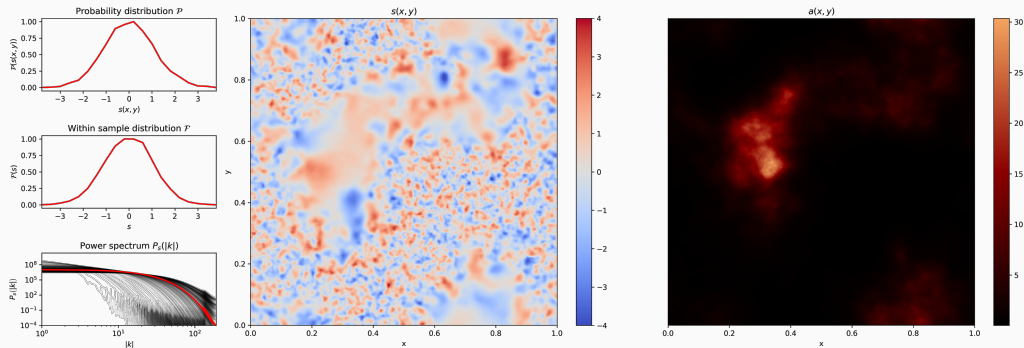
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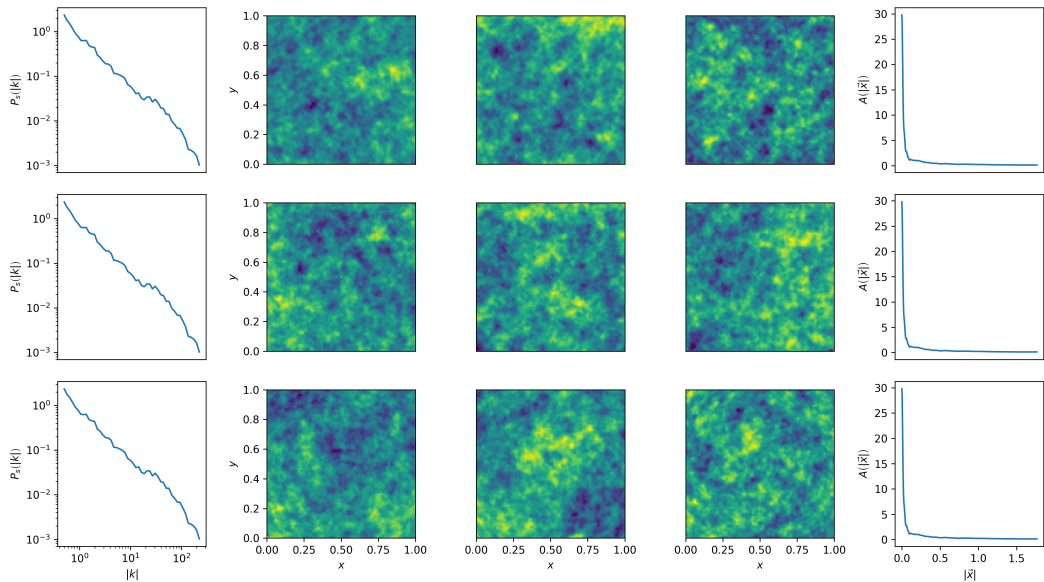


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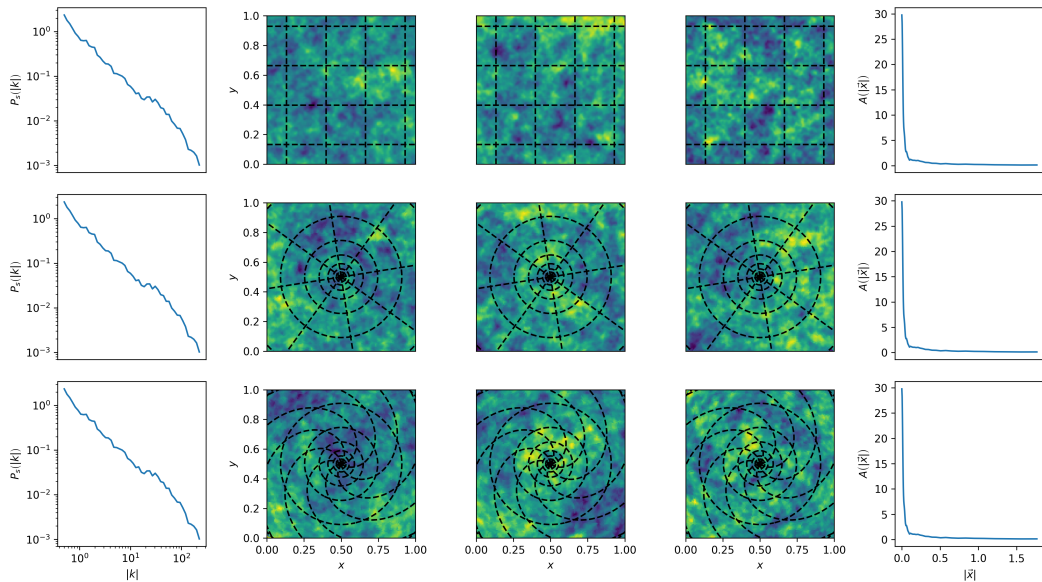
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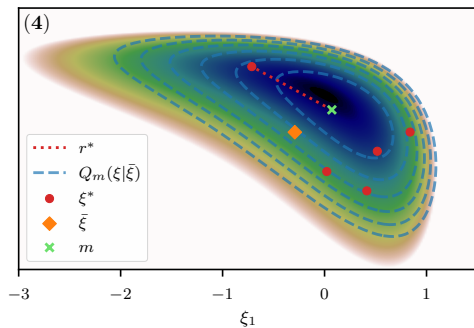
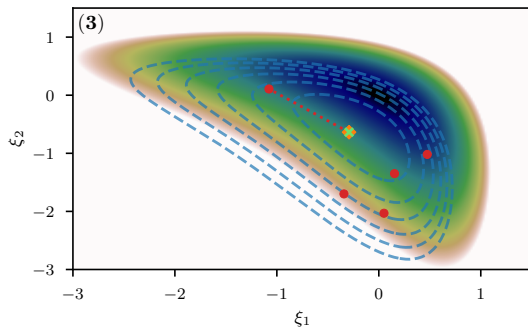
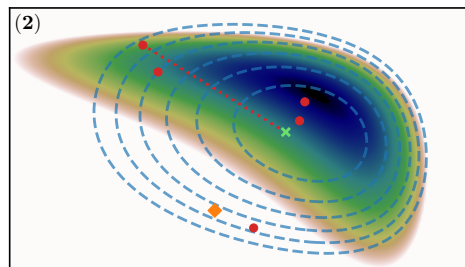
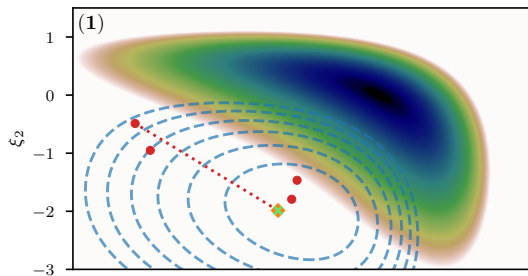
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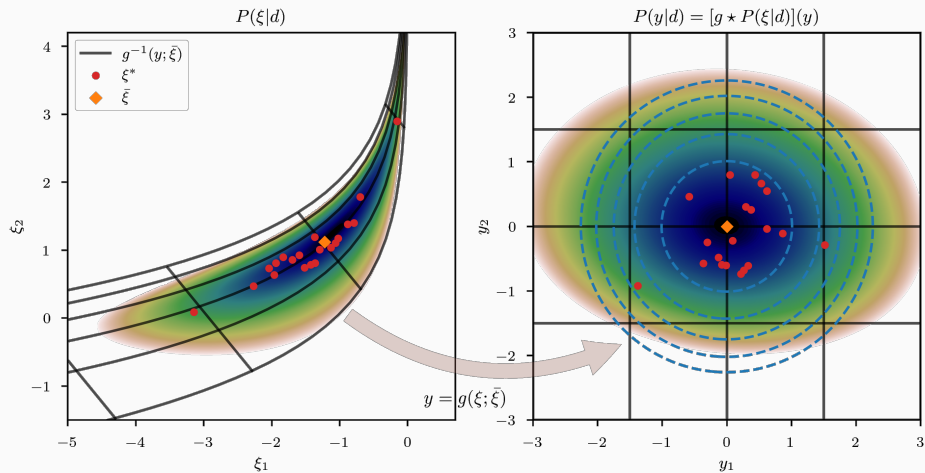
$$\text{KL}[\mathcal{Q}_{\sigma} || \mathcal{P}] = - \int \log \left( \frac{\mathcal{P}(\xi|d)}{\mathcal{Q}_{\sigma}(\xi)} \right) \mathcal{Q}_{\sigma}(\xi) d\xi$$

Posterior:  $\mathcal{P}(\xi|d, M)$ ; Approximation:  $\mathcal{Q}(\xi|d, M)$ ; Variational parameters:  $\sigma$ .

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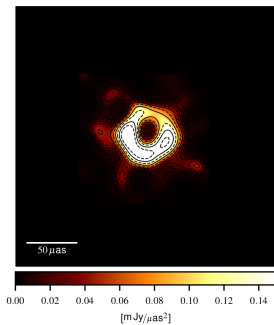
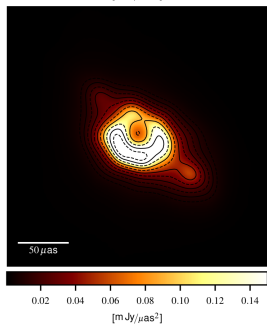
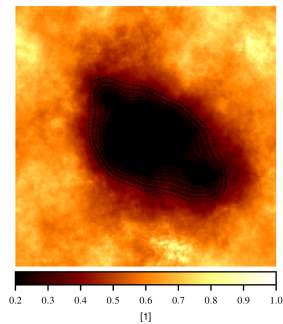
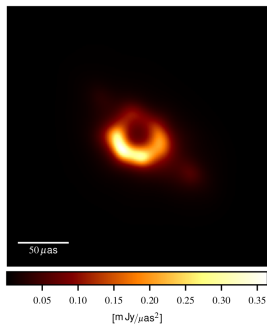
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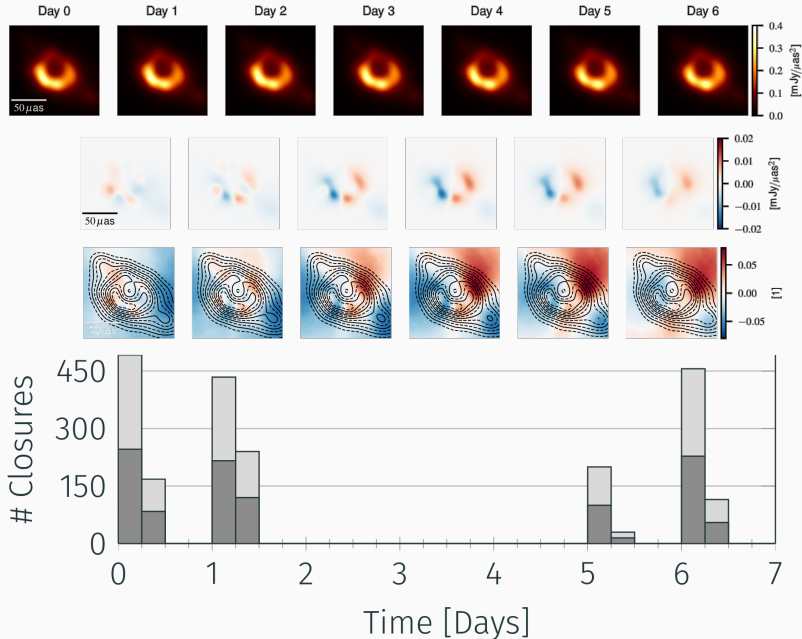
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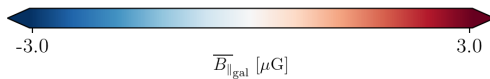
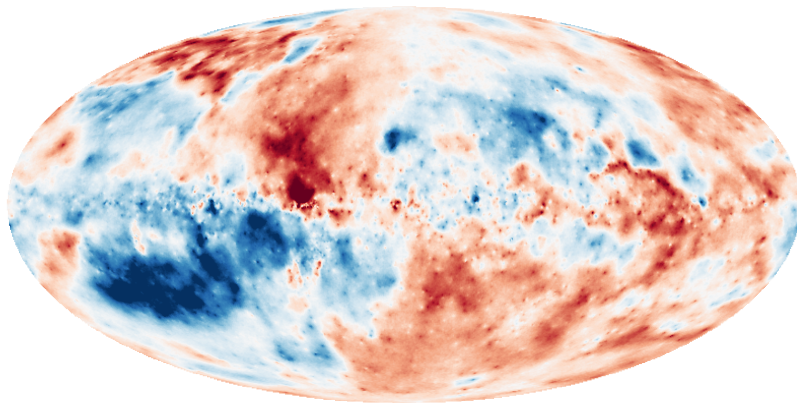




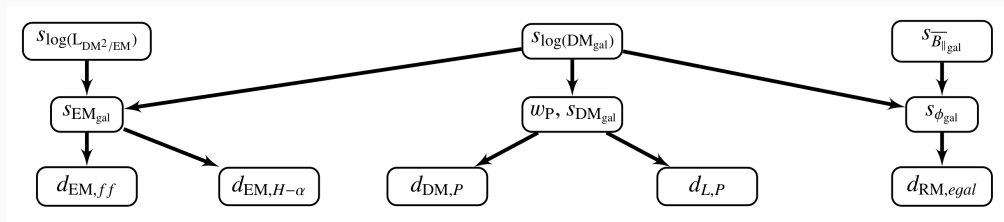
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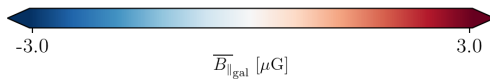
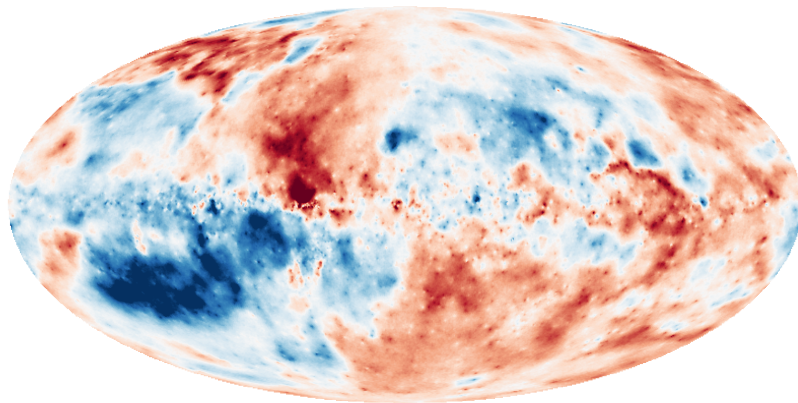
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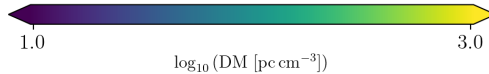
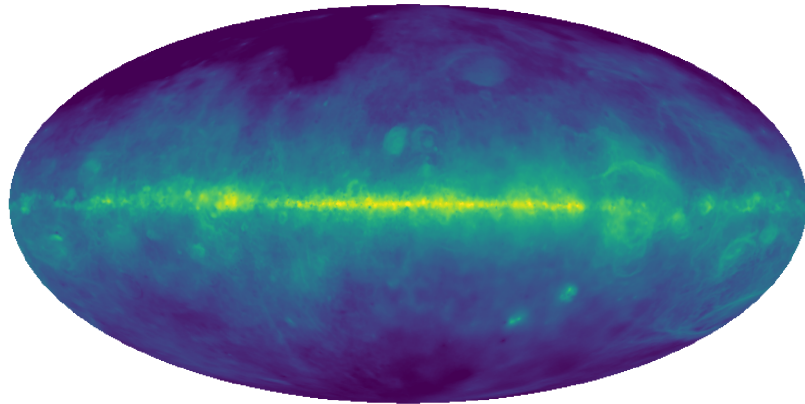
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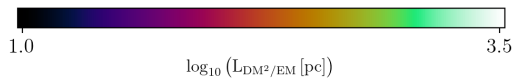
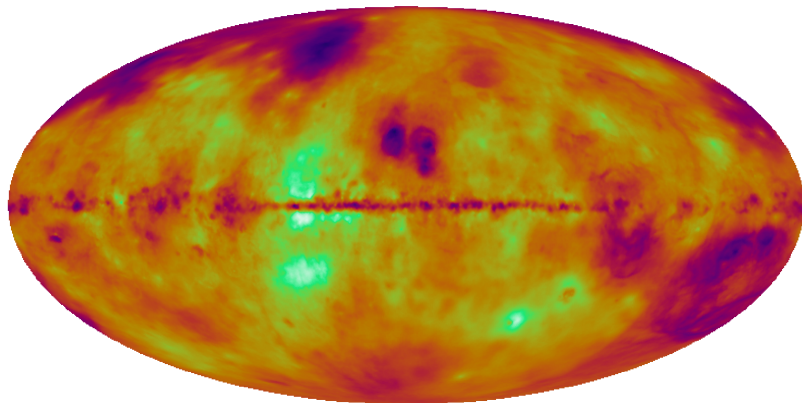
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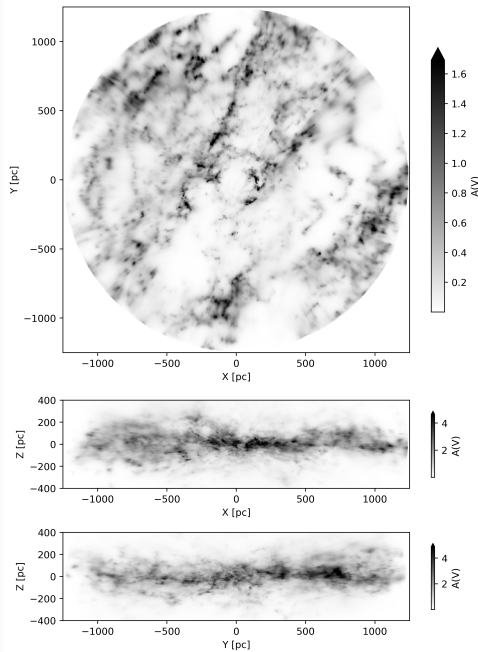
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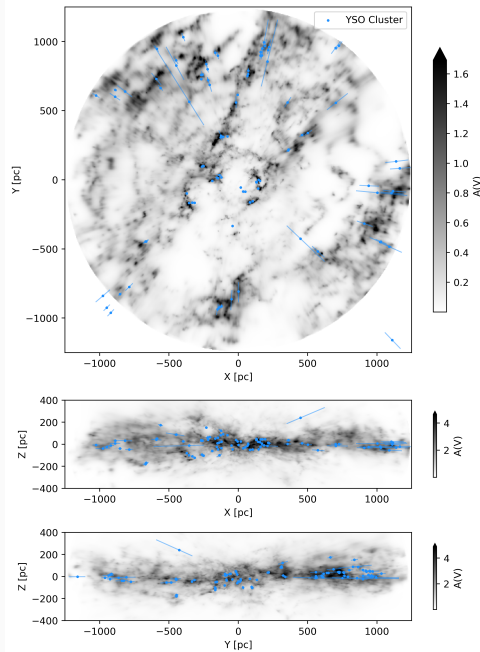
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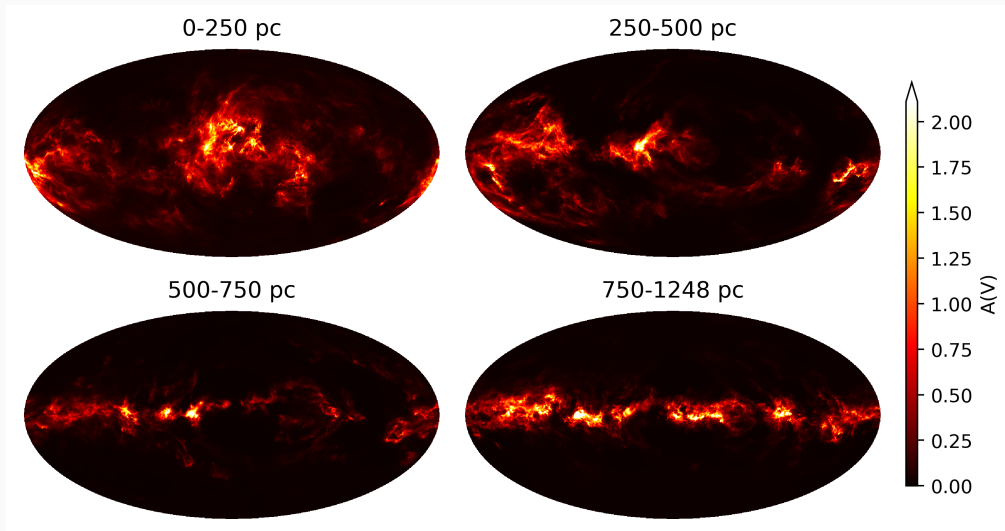


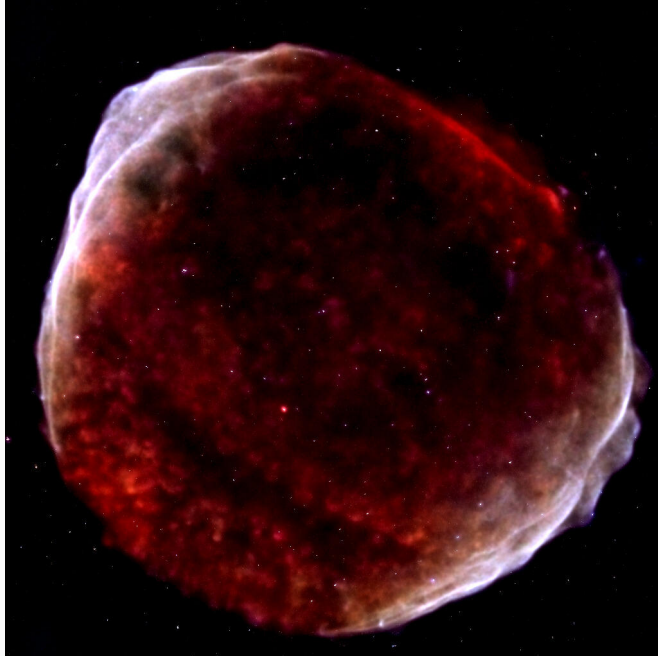
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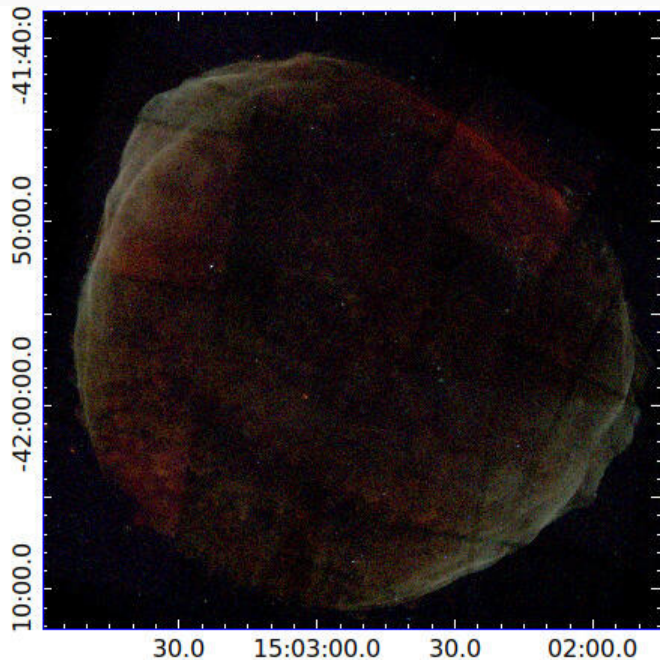


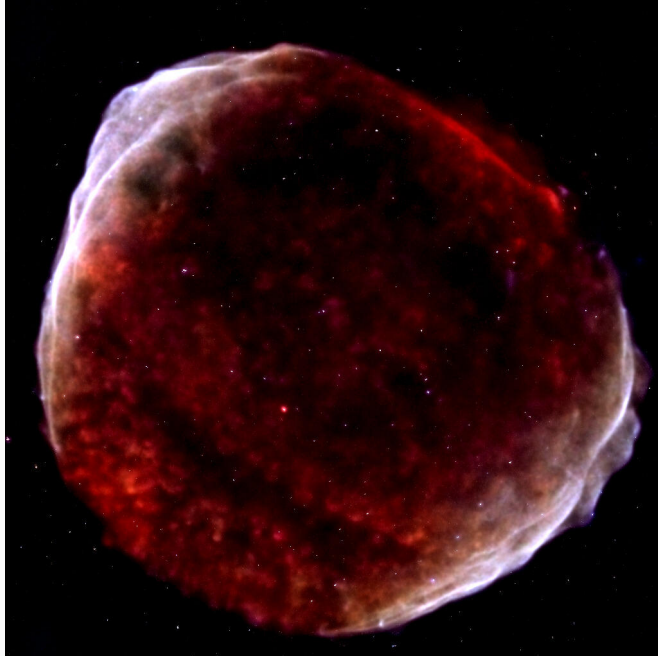
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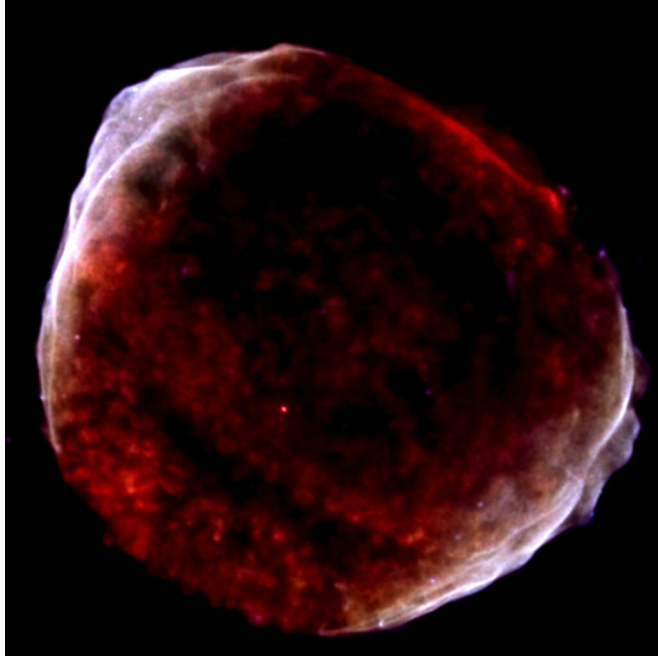




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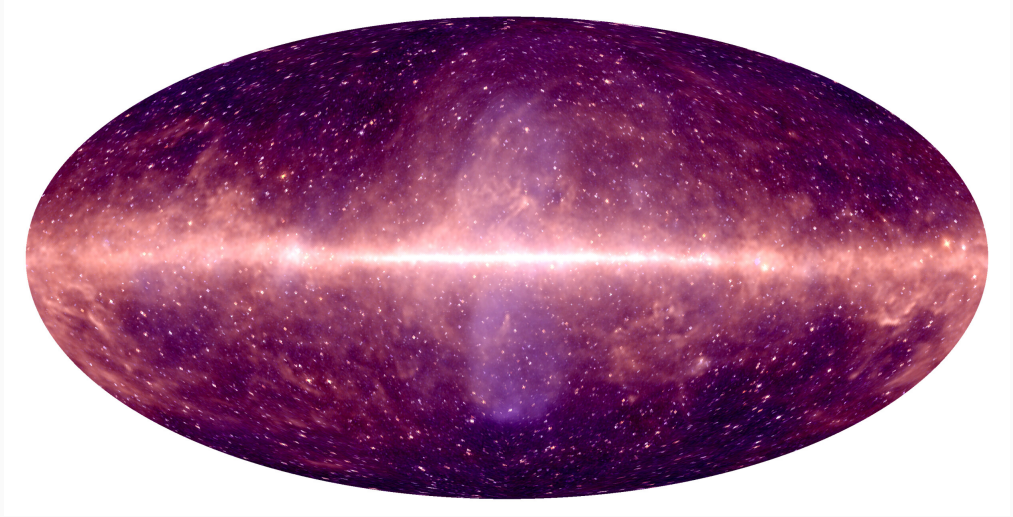




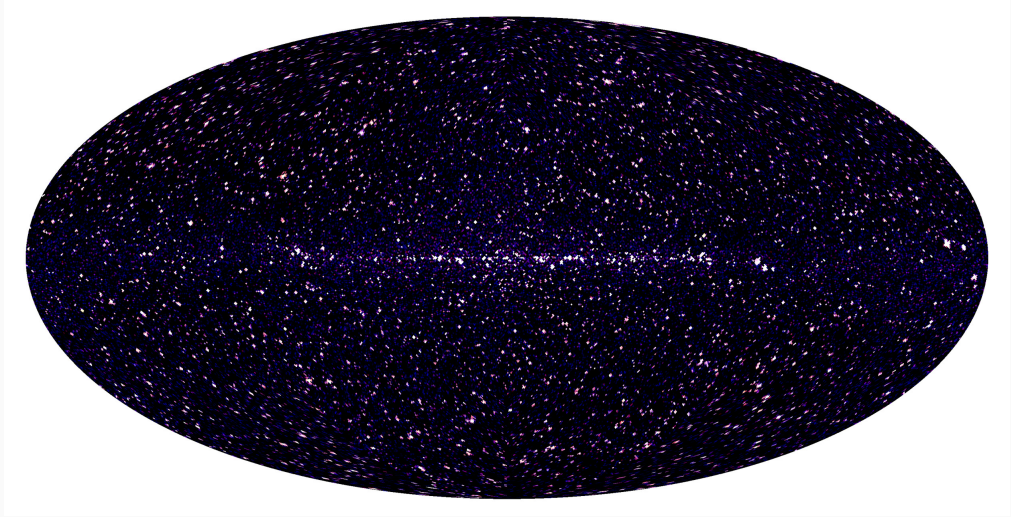


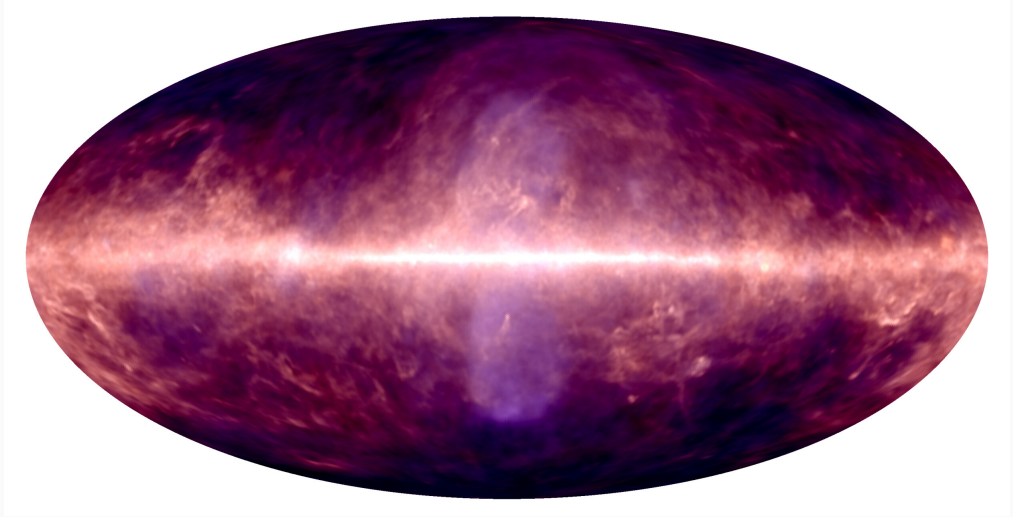


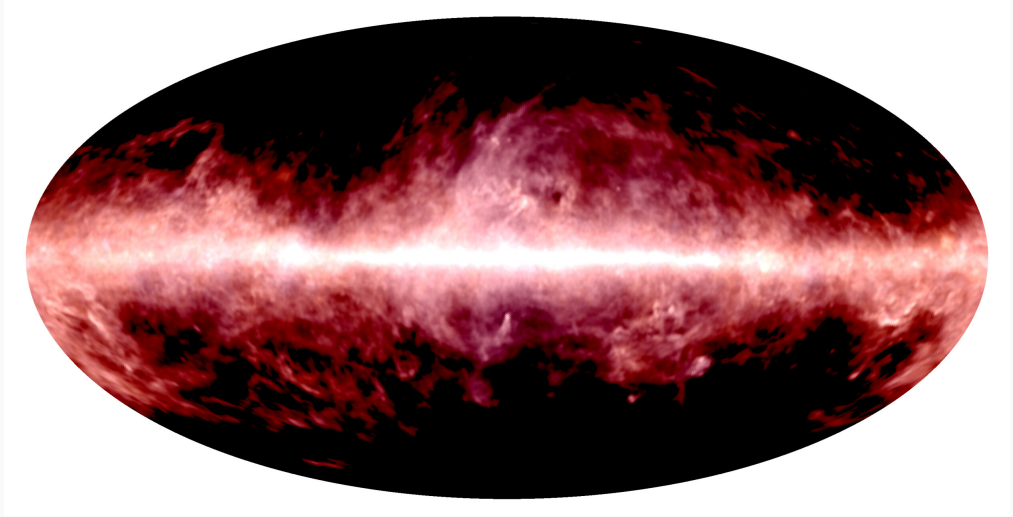


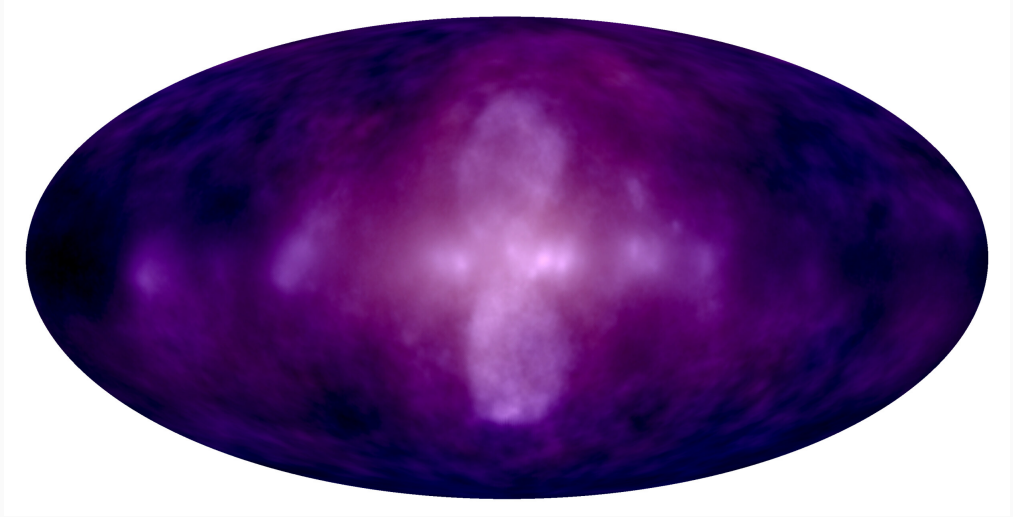












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