

90,000 ly



30,000 ly



30,000 ly



4500 ly



Optical

4500 ly



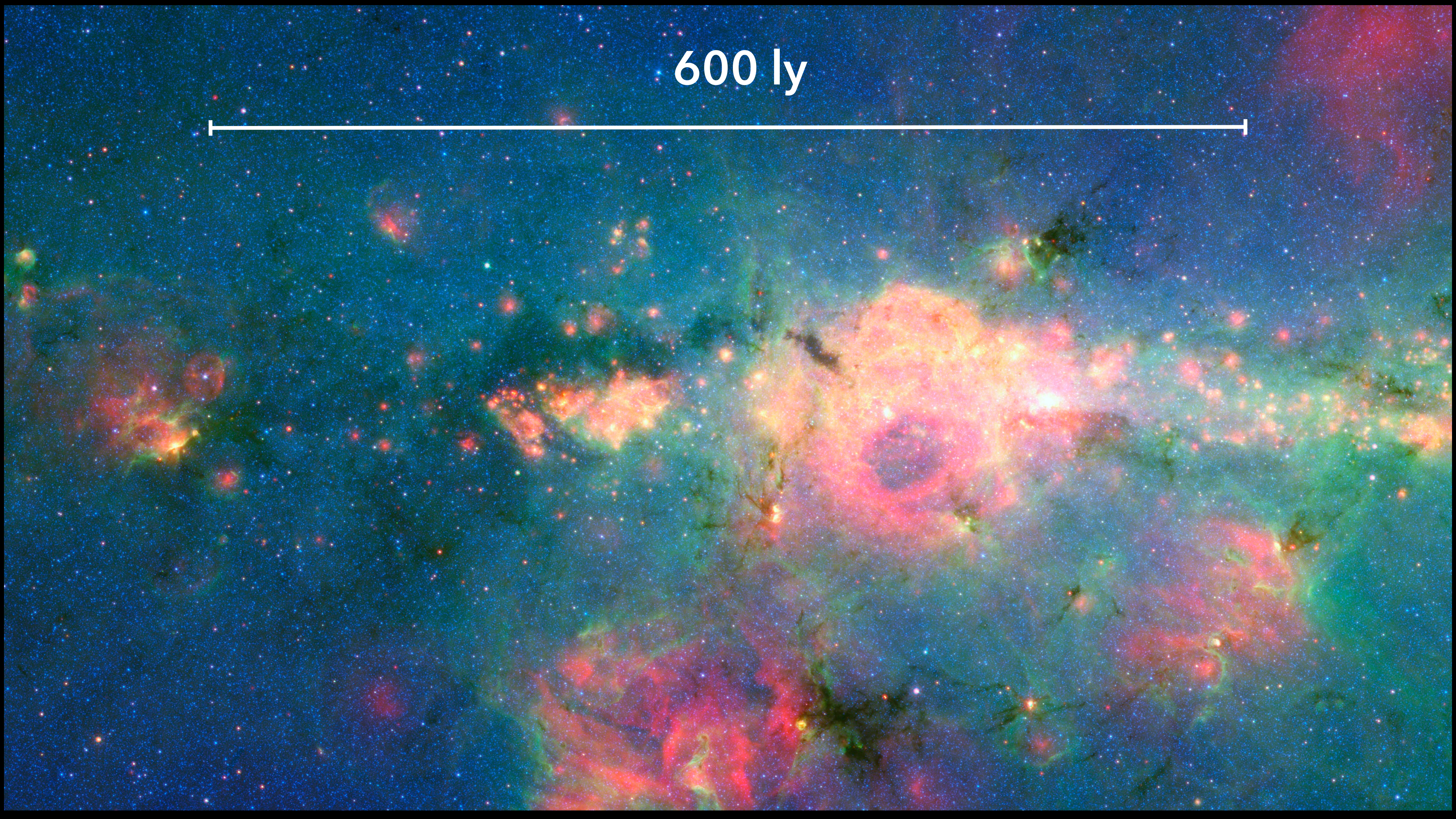
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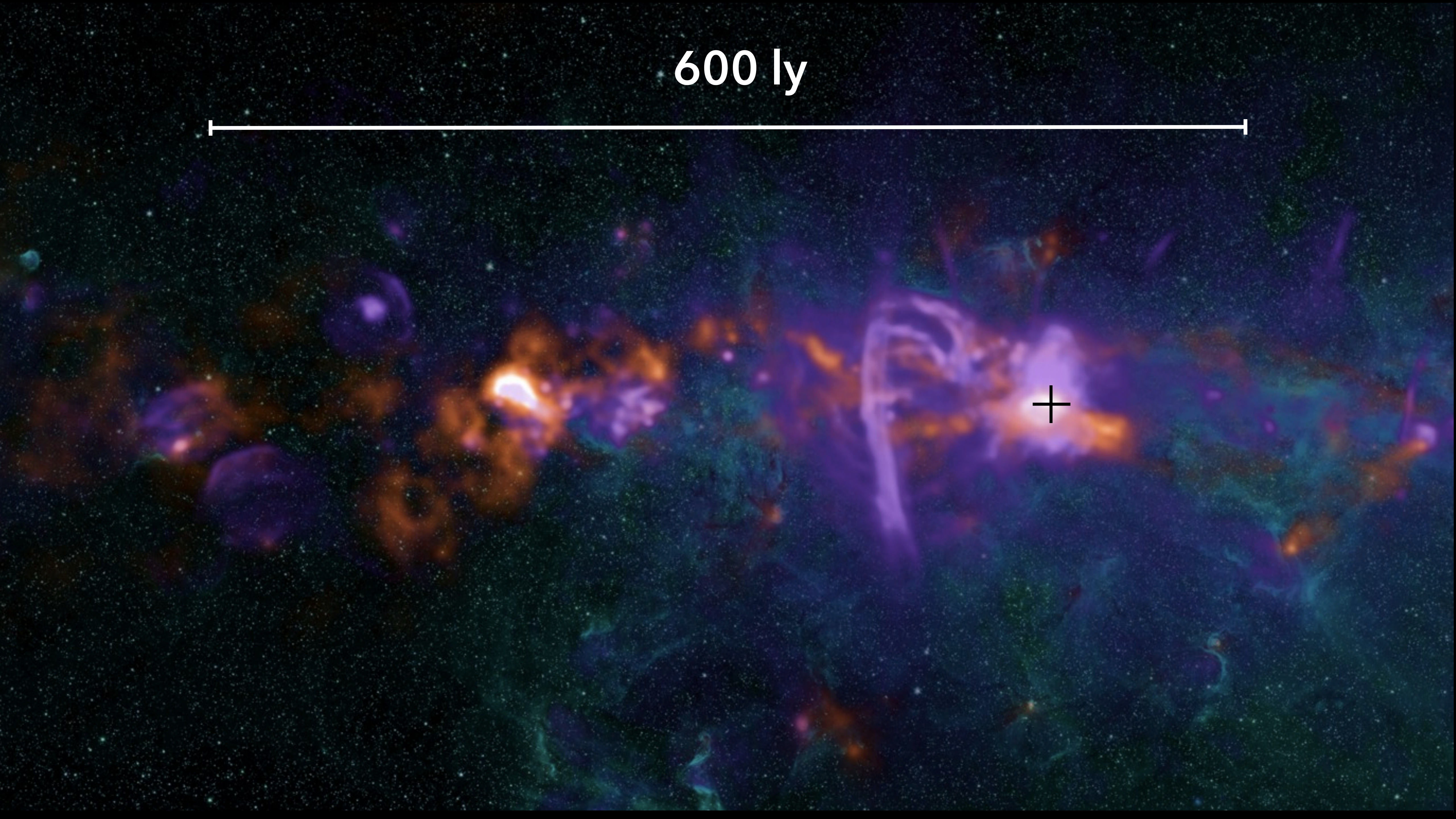
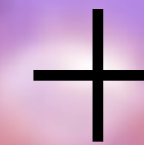
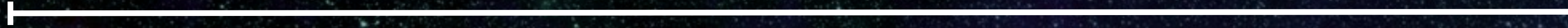


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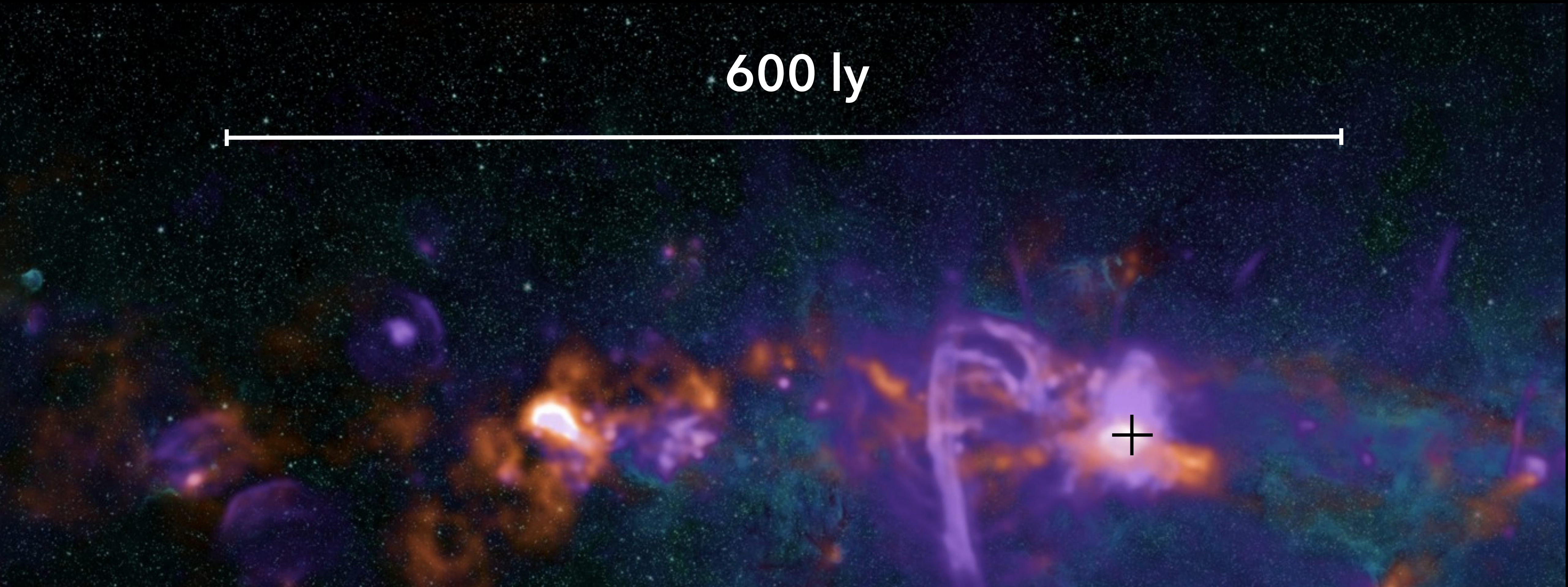
600 ly



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The Central Molecular Zone

Infrared : hot dust, stars

Radio : hot gas, plasma

Millimeter : cold dust/gas

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