



30 Doradus

Found in the nearby Large Magellanic Cloud galaxy, 30 Doradus is one of the largest massive star-forming regions located close to the Milky Way. Enormous stars in 30 Doradus, also known as the Tarantula Nebula, are producing intense radiation and searing winds of multimillion-degree gas (blue) detected by Chandra. This gas carves out gigantic bubbles in the surrounding cooler gas and dust shown here in an image from the Spitzer infrared telescope (orange). Other massive stars have raced through their evolution and exploded catastrophically as supernovas, expanding these bubbles into X-ray-brightened superbubbles.

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