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NGC 6357

This composite image captures the star formation region NGC 6357, located in the Milky Way galaxy. X-rays from Chandra and ROSAT (purple) reveal hundreds of point sources, which are the young stars in NGC 6357, as well as diffuse X-ray emission from hot gas. These have been combined with infrared data from Spitzer (orange) and optical data from the SuperCosmos survey (blue) to complete this spectacular cosmic vista. The image is about 44 arcminutes (70 light years) across.