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NASA in the News

NASA's Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope has unveiled a previously unseen structure centered in the Milky Way. Two gamma-ray-emitting bubbles that extend 25,000 light-years north and south of the galactic center were discovered after processing publicly available data from Fermi's large area telescope. The bubble emissions are more energetic than the gamma-ray fog seen elsewhere in our galaxy, and these

emissions, as well as the structure's shape, suggest it was formed as a result of a large and rapid energy release—the source of which remains a mystery. Scientists are conducting more analyses to better understand how the never-before-seen structure was formed. Read more about Fermi and this discovery at www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/GLAST/main/index.html.

NASA Tweetups

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