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NGC 1333

NGC 1333 is a cluster that contains many stars that are less than two million years old, which is very young in astronomical terms. This composite image of NGC 1333 combines Chandra's X-rays (pink) with infrared data from Spitzer (red) and visible light data from ground-based telescopes (red, green, blue). The Chandra data reveal 95 young stars glowing in X-ray light, 41 of which had not been identified previously. In addition, X-ray observations can reveal information about the physical properties and behaviors of these very young stars.

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