

# **What can we learn about magnetars from their environments?**

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The last decade has revealed remarkable diversity in the neutron star population. Most notable amongst these new discoveries has been the emergence of magnetars, a small group of neutron stars whose radiation is powered by extreme magnetic fields. While there have been many intensive observations of magnetars themselves, vital clues as to the nature of these exotic objects can come from placing them in the context of their surroundings. I will review a diverse set of recent observations of supernova remnants, molecular clouds, expanding shells, radio nebulae and star clusters all associated with magnetars. I will compare this to what is seen for normal radio pulsars, and will discuss the implications for the origin, evolution and overall demography of different flavors of neutron star.

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