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Comparison of S.S.-r "residuals" with primary S.S.-r abundances

Ongoing Perugia-Mainz project ... identifying S.S.-s and S.S.-r uncertainties





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Historical papers "p-process"

B²FH (1957) Arnould (1976) Woosley & Howard (1978) Main goal: explanation of nucleosynthetic origin of light p-nuclei, including ⁹²Mo/⁹⁴Mo

Selected subsequent papers / scenarios

Howard // Meyer et al. (1992, **2000**) Hoffman et al. (1996, **2008**) Schatz et al. (1998, 2003) Rauscher et al. (2002) Fisker et al., (2006) Wanajo et al. (2009) Farouqi et al. (2009) Travaglio et al. (2011, **2018**) Eichler et al. (2017) Pignatari et al. (2018) Kratz et al. (2018) Sasaki et al. (2022) n-burst in exploding massive stars ν-driven winds in SN II rp-process in X-ray bursters γ-process in pre-SN and SN νp-process in SN II p-production in EC-SN light p, s, r in SN II at low S p-process in SN Ia nucleosynthesis in ccSN n-burst in He-shell of ccSN light trans-Fe elements in SN-HEW hypernova νp-process Production of the light p-process nuclei in neutrino-driven winds

Hoffman, Woosley, Fuller, Meyer, ApJ 460 (1996)



"normalized production factors" $X_{ej}/X_{\odot} = f(Y_e)$ individual Y_e 's; $S/(N_A k) \approx 50$ "No initial abundances of r- or s-process seed need be invoked \Rightarrow this component of the p-process is primary rather than secondary."

> Result on ⁹²Mo: Underproduction relative to solar

The authors give 3 possible explanations:

The vp-process is active, but ⁹²Mo is primarily produced at other sites
 The vp-process is not active, so another explanation is needed
 The vp-process is active, but the nuclear parameters (...) are incorrect

Abundances of light trans-Fe ISOTOPES in the ccSN-HEW scenario

Continuing the work of Hoffman, Woosley et al. (1996)...

Farouqi, Kratz & Pfeiffer; **Publications** of the Astron. Soc. of Australia (PASA) 26 (**2009**) "Co-production of light p-, s- and r-process isotopes in the high-entropy wind of type II supernovae"

Typical yields (M_{o}) for $Y_{e} = 0.46$					
⁶⁴ Zn	5.6*10 ⁻⁵	⁷⁸ Kr	4.0*10 ⁻⁸		
⁷⁰ Ge	8.9*10 ⁻⁶	⁸⁴ Sr	1.2*10 ⁻⁸		
⁷⁴ Se	5.4*10 ⁻⁸	⁹² Mo	2.6*10 ⁻⁸		

sizeable abundance yields, comparable to SN Ia of Travaglio et al. (2011, 2015)

Isotopic pairs (nucleosynth.	Isotopic abundance ratios			
origin)	S.S.	HEW		
⁶⁴ Zn(p) / ⁷⁰ Zn(r)	78.4	79.4		
⁷⁰ Ge(s,p) / ⁷⁶ Ge(r)	2.84	4.61		
⁷⁴ Se(p) / ⁷⁶ Se(<mark>s</mark>)	9.4*10 ⁻²	9*10 ⁻²		
⁷⁴ Se(p) / ⁸² Se(r)	0.101	0.113		
⁷⁸ Kr(p) / ⁸⁶ Kr(r,s)	2.1*10 ⁻²	8*10 ⁻⁴		
⁸⁴ Sr(p) / ⁸⁶ Sr(s)	5.7*10 ⁻²	4*10 ⁻²		
⁹⁰ Sr(s,r) / ⁹⁶ Zr(r,s)	18.4	5.56		
⁹² Mo(p) / ⁹⁴ Mo(p)	1.60	1.73		
⁹⁶ Ru(p) / ⁹⁸ Ru(p)	2.97	2.57		

all historical p-, s- and r-"**only**" isotopes are co-produced, from ⁶⁴Zn to ¹⁰⁴Ru

Star-dust observables of Zr, Mo and Ru in SiC-X grains

Zr, Mo, Ru in presolar SiC X-grains (sub-micron size) measured with NanoSIMS or RIMS

... ejecta of stars that contributed to the proto-solar nebula; due to SiC's refractory nature, these grains survived S.S. formation; type X-grains are believed to contain isotopic patterns from **presolar** explosive nucleosynthesis events.

Remember:

Mo of particular interest: 7 stable isotopes with ^{92,94}Mo "p-only" ⁹⁶Mo "s-only" ^{95,97,98}Mo s+r ¹⁰⁰Mo "r-only"



Marhas, Ott & Hoppe, MPS 42 (2007)

Among suggested nucleosynthesis scenarios:

- "n-burst" in shocked He shell in SNe
- rp-process in X-ray bursters
- p-process in SN-la or EC-SN
- v-driven wind in cc-SN-II

Question:

can the low-S CP-r component of the HEW r-process produce all 7 Mo isotopes at the same time?

Types of presolar SiC grains

SiC grains:

- Fourth most abundant and one of the best-studied type of presolar grains
- Further divided into subgroups based on C, N, O & Si isotope ratios
- Most (93%) have C, N, O & Si isotope signatures consistent with TP-AGB stars → mainstream grains
- Just 1% have isotopic signatures consistent with explosive scenarios → Type X grains
- However, the light trans-Fe element composition (e.g. Zr, Mo, Ru) of Type X grains have so far defied a straightforward interpretation.



Pellin et al.: LPS (2006)



Zinner: Treatise on Geochemistry (2004)

Taking Mo as an example, rel. to ⁹⁶Mo: ^{92, 94}Mo depleted

^{95, 97, 98}Mo enriched ¹⁰⁰Mo approx. S.S.

"Clean" signature of ccSN–low-S component?

 δ notation: permill deviation from S.S.

Cosmochemical Mo "three-isotope plots"







Ott, Kratz (2007)

Convention of cosmochemists: "three-isotope plots"

extrapolation of mixing lines with S.S. yields "clean" nucleosynthesis signature

Here, S.S. data point included in mixing-line fits

X-axis: ⁹⁶Mo / ⁹⁷Mo Y-axis: ^XMo / ⁹⁷Mo

To be compared to model predictions: definitely neither classical s nor r !

Astro-models (new analyses):

- "primary" ccSN, HEW-CP; $Y_e = 0.454 0.460$; $S_{max} = 50 80$; $Y_n/Y_{seed} < 1$
- "secondary" new n-burst; Meyer (2018)

	Isotopic abundance ratios						
×Mo/ ⁹⁷ Mo	SiC X-grains	This work	New "n-burst"				
⁹² Mo/ ⁹⁷ Mo	0.15	0.06	1.43 E-3				
⁹⁴ Mo/ ⁹⁷ Mo	0.09	0.02	3.28 E-3				
⁹⁵ Mo/ ⁹⁷ Mo	1.86	2.96	1.54				
⁹⁶ Mo/ ⁹⁷ Mo	0.10	0.02	0.01				
⁹⁸ Mo/ ⁹⁷ Mo	0.50	0.66	0.38				
¹⁰⁰ Mo/ ⁹⁷ Mo	0.10	0.17	0.10				
⁹² Mo/ ⁹⁴ Mo	1.67	1.73	0.44				

For ^{95, 96, 98, 100}Mo/⁹⁷Mo, HEW-CP and new n-burst yield similar results.

Not so for ^{92, 94}Mo/⁹⁷Mo and ⁹²Mo/⁹⁴Mo !

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	Isotopic abundance ratios						
[×] Ru/ ¹⁰¹ Ru	SiC X-grains	This work	New "n-burst"				
⁹⁶ Ru/ ¹⁰¹ Ru	1.28	1.09	3.70 E-9				
⁹⁸ Ru/ ¹⁰¹ Ru	0.20	0.22	5.72 E-7				
⁹⁹ Ru/ ¹⁰¹ Ru	1.33	1.46	0.47				
¹⁰⁰ Ru/ ¹⁰¹ Ru	0.15	0.16	1.42 E-3				
¹⁰² Ru/ ¹⁰¹ Ru	3.16	3.03	10.2				
¹⁰⁴ Ru/ ¹⁰¹ Ru	3.68	2.96	7.41				
⁹⁶ Ru/ ⁹⁸ Ru	6.12	4.83	6.47 E-3				

As for Mo, our HEW-CP results for Ru agree with measured grain data, whereas the **new n-burst clearly fails**.

Summary light trans-Fe isotopes

We find

all historical p-, s- & r-isotopes in the light trans-Fe region (from ⁶⁴Zn to ¹⁰⁴Ru) co-produced in the primary CP component of a ccSN-HEW

As select example

- the ccSN-CP scenario can provide a consistent picture for all stable Zr, Mo and Ru isotopes in presolar SiC-X grains
- it can also reproduce the S.S. ratio of ${}^{92}Mo/{}^{94}Mo \approx 1.6$

'Clean" signature of low-S ccSN scenario

from "intercepts" of SiC-X grain mixing lines

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Early metal-poor halo stars (1999)

...our first involvement in UMP halo-star astronomy:

Cowan, Pfeiffer, Kratz, Thielemann, Sneden & Burles; ApJ 521 (1999) "r-Process abundances and chronometers in metal-poor stars"



Comparison of observed abundances (filled squares) with $N_{r,\Theta}$ (small filled circles, joined by a dashed line), and with $N_{r,calc}$ (solid line).

[Fe/H] ≤ -2; [Eu/Fe] ≥ +1; [Ba/Eu] ≤ -0.7

Standard spectroscopic notation:

 $[A/B] \equiv \log(N_A/N_B)_{star} - \log(N_A/N_B)_{\odot}$

Conclusions at that time (!) :

The abundance comparisons indicate several striking results:

 Halo stars with -1.7 ≤ [Fe/H] ≤ -3.1 show the same S.S.-r pattern for Z ≥ 56;

∧ in each hypothetical r-process site a continuous set of conditions.

 For Z ≥ 56, the r-abundances seem not to have changed with GCE;

∧ one r-process site (later denoted as "main" r-process).

- The trend of the lighter n-capture elements is unclear; explainable in terms of metallicity dependent weak sprocess?
- Or..., there are two r-process signatures (weak & main) reflecting different sites

• First Comparison with theoretical predictions: WP and HEW

Halo stars vs. HEW model: Sr/Y/Zr as fct. of [Fe/H], [Eu/H] and [Sr/H]



Astronomical observations, SAGA database: [X/Fe] vs. [Eu/Fe]

Transition from CP-r component via "weak" to "main" n-capture r-process



SAGA database: Zr in more detail



Clear differences observed already a decade ago... However, today's r-process consequences not fully understood



full main r-process

Sr – Ag region underabundant by a mean factor ≈ 2 relative to $N_{r,\odot}$ [Eu/Fe] = 1.52; [Sr/Fe] = 0.73; Sr/Eu = 26 (assumption by Travaglio et al. that this pattern is unique for all UMP halo stars)

missing part to N_{r,☉} = "LEPP"

incomplete main r-process

Sr – Cd region **overabundant** by a mean factor \approx 10 relative to N_{r, \odot}

[Eu/Fe] = -0.64; [Sr/Fe] = -0.27; Sr/Eu = 447



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Neutron star merger event GW170817 Akilonova AT2017gfo Prediction NSM as promising r-process site Lattimer & Schramm ApJ 213 (1974)

Over many years considered "exotic", e.g. because the extreme gravity makes it difficult to eject possible r-process matter.

August 2017

- r-process nucleosynthesis in NSM in the multiwave follow-up observations of kilonova / gravitational wave, GRB 170807A / GW 170817
- LIGO & VIRGO GW (Tanvir et al., APJL 847; Abbott et al., PRL 119)
- Fermi-GBM & INTEGRAL/SPI γ-burst signal (Goldstein et al., ApJL 848; Savchenko et al., ApJL 848)
- GROND
 electromagn. Signal = kilonova spectrum peaked in infrared region
 heavy elements (Ba & lanthanides)

From Kajino et al. Prog. Part. & Nucl. Phys. 107 (2019)



D. Watson et al., Nature 574 (2019)

- Z = 38, N = 88 Sr identified as first individual element from electromagnetic radiation of a NSM
- NSM ejecta with Y_e ≤ 0.1 heavy r-elements; increase of Y_e by weak interactions (changes of n to p) to eject the light r-elements
- Expanding material diluted only after a few days "red wavelength emission" of Ba & lanthanides. Lighter elements – at higher Y_e - visible earlier as "blue wavelength emission"

From S. Rosswog Physik Journal 19 (2020)





Abundance ratio CP-r Sr / main-r Eu

• Lodders (2009); Bisterzo (2014); Trippella (2016)

 $N_{\odot} - N_{s,\odot} \approx N_{r,\odot}$ "residuals" (Sr/Eu) ≈ 45

• Farouqi (2010)

ccSN-HEW, $Y_e = 0.45$ (Sr/Eu) ≈ 115

• T. Hansen et al. (**2018**)

"The r-process alliance"

r-poor stars[Eu/Fe] < 0.3 $(Sr/Eu)_{max} \approx 780$ r-I stars0.3 < [Eu/Fe] < 1.0 $(Sr/Eu)_{av} \approx 45$ r-II stars[Eu/Fe] > 1.0 $(Sr/Eu)_{min} \approx 2$

indicates ccSN S.S.-r blend indicates NSM

• Bovard et al. (2017)

rel. r-abundances for diff. NSM models

 $(Sr/Eu) \approx 10^{-2} - 10^{-1}$



Important question: where "clean" signatures for ccSN and NSM?

Relative r-process contributions of ccSN, MHDJet-SN & NSM

Farouqi, Kratz et al. (2010, 2019)

halo-star obs. & ejected r-matter as fct. $\rm Y_{e}$

Wehmeyer, Pignatari & Thielemann (2015)

acc. to their GCE understanding

Shibagaki, Kajino et al. (2015)



- \approx 90 % r-poor (Honda-type) stars
- ≈ 8 % r-rich (Sneden-type) stars
- ≈ 2 % r-strong (actinide-boost) stars
- ≈ 98 % cc-SN (light r-elements)
- ≈ 1% Jet-SN (full r-process)
- ≈ 1% NSM (main r-process)
- ≈ 79 % HEW (weak r-process)
- ≈ 18 % MHDJ (main r-process)
- ≈ 3 % NSM (fission-recycling r-process)

...unfortunately, with highly questionable nuclear-physics input!

Ji & Frebel (2018)

acc. to estimated event production

- only **1 NSM** every ≈ **2000 ccSNe**;
- however, admittedly much lower than currently inferred rates based on Abbott et al. (2017) & Taylor et al. (2014) of ≈ 1/100

Correlation of r-process elements in VMP halo stars

When Khalil Farouqi and I started in 2018, our main goal was to distinguish between

- r-elements correlated (co-produced?) with Fe, and
- r-elements uncorrelated (not produced?) with Fe

In contrast to the numerous model-speculation papers after the GW-NSM event, our approach primarily based on experimental "facts": databases for UMP halostars SAGA (and JINAbase); [Fe/H] ≤ -2.5

Choice of 3 "typical" r-elements:

- Z = 38 Sr \frown classical "weak-r" element \rightarrow SN-type ?
- Z = 63 Eu (lassical "main-r" element \rightarrow Merger-type ?
- Z = 90 Th classical "actinide-boost" \rightarrow Merger-type ?

Choice of "typical" r-parameters:

- [Eu/Fe]
- (Sr/Eu)
- "r-enrichment" \rightarrow historical stellar classes r-poor, r-I, r-II
- "weak-r"/"main-r" → indication of fractions SN & Merger ?
 - → indication of "pure" SN and/or Merger signatures ?
 - \rightarrow correlation with metallicity [Fe/H]?

Combination of exp. "facts" with statistical-model correlation coefficients SCC & PCC

What do we learn from the astronomical observations (facts!) ?

[Eu/Fe]	No.	[Fe/H]	(Sr/Eu)	Stellar	
range	stars	mean	mean	classes	
- 0.65 to - 0.3	11	- 3.09	399	"r-poor"	 With increasing [Fe / H] increasing r-process enrichment decreasing (Sr/Eu) ratio
- 0.3 to 0	34	- 2.92	278	e.g. Honda-star	
0 to 0.2	45	- 2.90	207	HD122563	
0.2 to 0.4	34	- 2.85	140	" r-I "	 Indication of different r-process sites different galactic times for r-sites
0.4 to 0.6	37	- 2.71	106	e.g. Westin-star	
0.6 to 0.8	28	- 2.80	70	HD115444	
0.8 to 1.0	23	- 2.81	57	" r-II "	 different frequencies of r-sites (?) different r-matter ejecta (?)
1.0 to 1.4	22	- 2.90	39	e.g. Sneden-star	
1.4 to 1.95	24	- 2.79	30	CS22892-052	

From observations to mathematical correlations



J. Hauke & T. Kosowski; Questiones Geographicae (2011)

Correlations between "variables" can be measured with the use of different indices (coefficients); among the most popular are:

- Spearman (rank) correlation coefficient (SCC)
- Pearson correlation coefficient (PCC)

Spearman's "rho"

- is a non-parametric (distribution-free) rank-statistic
- is a measure of monotone association of variables in a somewhat "qualitative" way
- does not require the assumption that the relationship between the variables is linear
- does not require the variables to be measured on interval scales

Pearson's product-moment correlation coefficient

- treats data in a "quantitative" way
- assumes the normality of the variables
- is a measure of the linear association of variables
- prefers data variance to be homogeneous ("homoscedascity")
- requires that no outliers be present in the data

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Single stars

Astrophys. site	r-ejecta/event	frequency
Regular ccSNe	weak	high
QD-SNe	weak	Iow
MHD-Sne	from weak to strong (?)	medium
EC-SNe	very weak	uncertain (!)
Collapsars / Hypernovae	strong (?)	Iow

Compact binary mergers

Event type	r-ejecta/event	frequency
NS-NS BH + torus	strong	low
mass. NS + torus NS-BH	strong	low

PCC and SCC for Eu (r-enrichment) and Fe metallicity) for halostars with [Fe/H] ≤ -2.5



Our 4 "typical" stars:

- 1) HD122563, Honda-star, r-poor / incomplete-r
- 2) HD115444, Westin-star, complete r-I
- 3) CS22892, Sneden-star, complete r-II
- CS3108-001, Cayrel-star, complete r-II & actinide boost

...at [Eu/Fe] \approx 0.3 PCC & SCC begin to diverge from each other. At this point the CC \approx 0.75 is still high. Fe and Eu are well correlated / co-produced (?)

PCCs for [Eu/Fe] > 0.3 weak(er) correlation several contributers, e.g. SNe and NSM

Star-Type	[Eu/Fe]	PCC	strength	No. stars
all stars	- 0.64 - 1.9	0.14	very weak	282
r-l + r-ll	0.3 – 1.9	0.15	very weak	166
r-ll	> 1.0	0.34	moderate	51
r-l	0.3 - 1.0	0.65	strong	115
r-poor	< 0.3	0.83	very strong	168

Cluster analysis techniques

Cluster analysis

... a statistical technique to group data with common characteristics; however without explanation, why the clustering exists.Typically used in the exploratory phase of a research project with the aim to guide further analyses.

K-means clustering

... treats observations in data as objects having locations & distances from each other. Each cluster is characterized by its mean or central point.



In the **3-Cluster Analysis** of [Eu/Fe] vs. [Fe/H] one can recognize:

(1) for low-metallicity stars ([Fe/H] < -2) with large scatter (≈ 10³) → contributions from individual rare or different events;

(2) for -2 < [Fe/H] < -1.5 with already small scatter \implies averaging / mixing of events;

(3) for [Fe/H] > -1.5 \implies additional Fe-contribution from SN-Ia



- ... usually applied to abundance observations of individual elements as function of "rank"
- indicates whether only one nucleosynthesis source, or several contributed to the element



Orange curve:

a **single** random-number operator X, ordering values according to their size, giving them integer entries ("ranks") → linear relation between random numbers and ranks

Blue curve:

two random-number generators, adding their values X1 + X2 = Y; plotted as function of its ranks

→ deviation from a linear relation between Y and its ranks Kratz et al., New Astron.Rev. 52 (2008) based on the SAGA data at that time





... the minimal conclusion to be drawn right now is that the high abundances of Cu (Z=29) and Zn (Z=30) are not produced together with the Z \geq 38 (Sr-Ag) elements

Farouqi et al., arXiv: 2107.03486 (2021) based on today's SAGA data



... the rise of [Zn/Fe] below [Fe/H] < -2 points to an additional event to ccSNe \rightarrow alpha-rich freeze-out of hypernovae/collapsars



... consistent with decrease of PCCs for high [Zn/Fe] \ge 0.3 \rightarrow high Zn not necessarily from regular ccSNe

Sr, $Zr \rightarrow Ag vs. Fe \& Eu: 2008 and 2021$



What do we learn from comparison of astronomical observations with r-element correlations ?

Stellar ID	[Eu/Fe]	[Fe/H]	(Sr/Eu)	%Sr with Fe	%Eu with Fe	%Sr w/o Fe	%Eu w/o Fe	
HD 122563	-0.64	-2.53	589	100	100	0	0	
HE 0048-6408	-0.50	-3.75	107	100	100	0	0	
BD - 185550	-0.21	-3.06	<mark>40</mark>	100	100	0	0	
CS 22897-008	-0.03	-3.83	<mark>1122</mark>	100	100	0	0	- -
CS 22891-209	0.10	-3.49	759	100	100	0	0	
HE 0139-2826	0.21	-3.46	<mark>4.3</mark>	100	100	0	0	
CS 22190-007	0.33	-2.57	170	80	51	20	49	
CS 22955-174	0.35	-3.10	251	100	80	0	20	8
CS 22879-029	0.59	-2.55	<mark>562</mark>	15	34	85	66	1
HD 115444	0.68	-2.84	56	100	46	0	54	
HE 2158-0348	0.79	-2.71	155	48	33	52	67	

"r-poor" stars

- lowest metallicity [Fe/H]_{av} ≈ -2.93 early in galaxy
- large scatter (Sr/Eu), min. 40; max. 1122
- Sr & Eu completely correlated with Fe

"pure" SN signature

"r-I" stars

- slightly higher [Fe/H]_{av} ≈ -2.78
- again, large scatter (Sr/Eu), min. 4.3; max. 562
- Sr still predominantly correlated with Fe (90%);
 Eu ≈ 60% correlated with Fe

"blends" of SN & NSM

Again – what can we learn?

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HD 115444	0.68	-2.84	56	100	46	0	54	
CS 22875-029	0.92	-2.69	191	29	25	71	75	
HE 0336+0113	1.22	-2.73	<mark>776</mark>	4	15	96	85	
CS 22892-052	1.53	-2.91	25	84	14	16	86	
CD -24_17504	1.37	-3.19	<mark>0.54</mark>	100	27	0	73]
CD -27_14351	1.71	-2.63	240	3.4	4.3	97	96	
CS 31082-001	1.72	-2.79	7.9	93	5.9	7.0	94	
HE 0243-3044	1.92	-2.58	26	17	2.5	83	97	

"r-I" stars

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- 90% Sr correlated with Fe
- 60% Eu correlated with Fe
- "blends" of SN & Merger

"r-II" stars

[Fe/H] av. \approx -2.78, similar to r-I 74 % Sr corr. with Fe \implies SN 77 % Eu uncorr. with Fe \implies Merger CD-27_14351 "clean" NSM with low [Fe/H] CD-24_17504 no Sr from NSM-HEW **Example:** r-II **Sneden star** (CS22892-052) [Eu/Fe] = 1.53 (Sr/Eu) = 25

84% Sr & 14% Eu correlated with Fe ⇒ SNe
16% Sr & 86% Eu uncorrelated with Fe ⇒ Mergers

- ∧ "clean" SN part(Sr/Eu) \approx 147"clean" Merger part(Sr/Eu) \approx 4.6
- ∧ "clean" SN part $[Eu/Fe] \approx 0.30$ "clean" Merger part $[Eu/Fe] \approx 1.46$

... rough estimate: "Sneden-star Merger" contaminated by 6 SNe

<u>Near future</u>: similar analyses for "typical" r-I, r-II and actinide-boost stars

Summary based on astronomical "facts"

- First indications of different r-process types & sites, already more than a decade ago
- Statistical analyses (PCC, SCC ranks, K-means clusters) confirm the old ideas; improvements from qualitative to quantitative
- To understand the total abundance pattern (from Sr to Th) of S.S.-r "blend", in addition to Merger-type contributions, also sizeable fractions of SN-types required;



Six decades of r-process nucleosynthesis research:

From a secondary process with Fe-seed in SN-I (B²FH, Cameron, Coryell) to a primary process in SN-II to the present "multi-scenarios".

