The r-process Alliance Mapping the r-process with stellar abundances

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ORIGINS OF THE ELEMENTS



This periodic table depicts the primary source on Earth for each element. In cases where two sources contribute fairly equally, both appear.

s-process and r-process



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ightarrow
m p + e^- + ar{
u}$

s-process and r-process



s-process

r-process





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Credit: Vini Placco





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r-II stars have **[Eu/Fe]≥+0.7** 72



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: analysis of the stellar portraits



Roederer et al. (2018)

R=80000, S/N=100





Conclusions

First homogeneous analysis of a large sample of r-II stars to trace the origins and the evolution of the r-elements in the Milky Way



$$A(X) = \log_{10} \frac{N_X}{N_H} + 12$$
$$[X/H] = A_*(X) - A_{\odot}(X)$$

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