

Evidence for r-process production by rare supernovae in the low metallicity environment

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The decreasing trend of the [Eu/Fe] feature caused by stars in the Large Magellanic Cloud (LMC) is followed by a nearly constant value; this trend is generally attributed to an onset of the delayed Fe release from type Ia supernovae (SNe), which is the same interpretation of the $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$ feature. However, this feature appears in the LMC at [Fe/H] of approximately -0.7, which is significantly higher than that for the $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$ case (≈ -2). We propose that this [Eu/Fe]-knee feature is created by a fade-out of core-collapse SNe producing r-process elements. The metallicity threshold for the occurrence rate of these r-process SNe at a subsolar is nearly identical to that for long gamma-ray bursts.

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