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Nucleosynthesis in the early Galaxy

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Recent observations of the abundances in metal-poor stars suggest that an additional mechanism besides the r-process is responsible for the production of material in the region $Z \leq 47$. Mixing of a light element primary process (LEPP) and the r-process pattern found in r-II metal-poor stars explain the apparent non-uniformity in their abundances. The LEPP abundance pattern based on those observations is used to explore the astrophysical conditions that would create it within a site-independent approach. In addition, a solar LEPP contribution is obtained by subtracting the contributions of other nucleosynthesis processes and it can be used to obtain information in the important $A=130$ abundance peak. The likely nature of the LEPP and its potential relevance for the s-process will be discussed.