

On a Possible Importance of Nuclear Liquid-Gas Phase Transition in Supernova Nucleosynthesis

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1. Heavy Element Synthesis

— When, Where and How ?

- ★ s- and r-processes
- ★ A -distribution in the Universe
- ★ Phase Diagram of Nuclear Matter
- ★ Possible Importance of LG-process

2. Simple Model Calculation

- ★ Adiabatic Path of "Neutron" Matter Evolution
- ★ Does it hit Spinodal Region ?

3. Summary and Discussion

Synthesis of Heavy Elements

– When, Where and How ?

- **Slow Neutron Capture process (s-process)**
 - ★ Stable Nuclei upto ^{209}Bi
 - ★ Neutron Flux in Stars: Understanding is not complete
- **Rapid Neutron Capture process (r-process)**
 - ★ Heavy Neutron Rich Nuclei
 - ★ Most Probable Site
= Hot bubble region of Massive Supernovae
 - ★ **Requires Very High Entropy/Baryon, $S/B \simeq (110 - 400)$**
(Woosley et al. 1994, Meyer and Brown 1997,
Terasawa and Kajino 1999)

→ **SOMETHING ELSE ?**

● Hints ?

- ★ Background A -distribution in the Universe:
 - ... **Power Law Behavior** in addition to Exponential
- ★ Phase Diagram of Nuclear Matter
 - ... **Unstable (L-G coexistence) Region**

→ **Fragm. through LG Phase Tr.
may be important**

Simple Model Calculation at High Densities ($\rho_B/\rho_0 > 0.05$)

Assumption:

- ★ Lepton to Baryon ratio is conserved.
(ν s are still trapped.)
- ★ Entropy per Baryon is conserved.

● Adiabatic Path in "Supernova" Matter Evolution

★ Important Parameters:

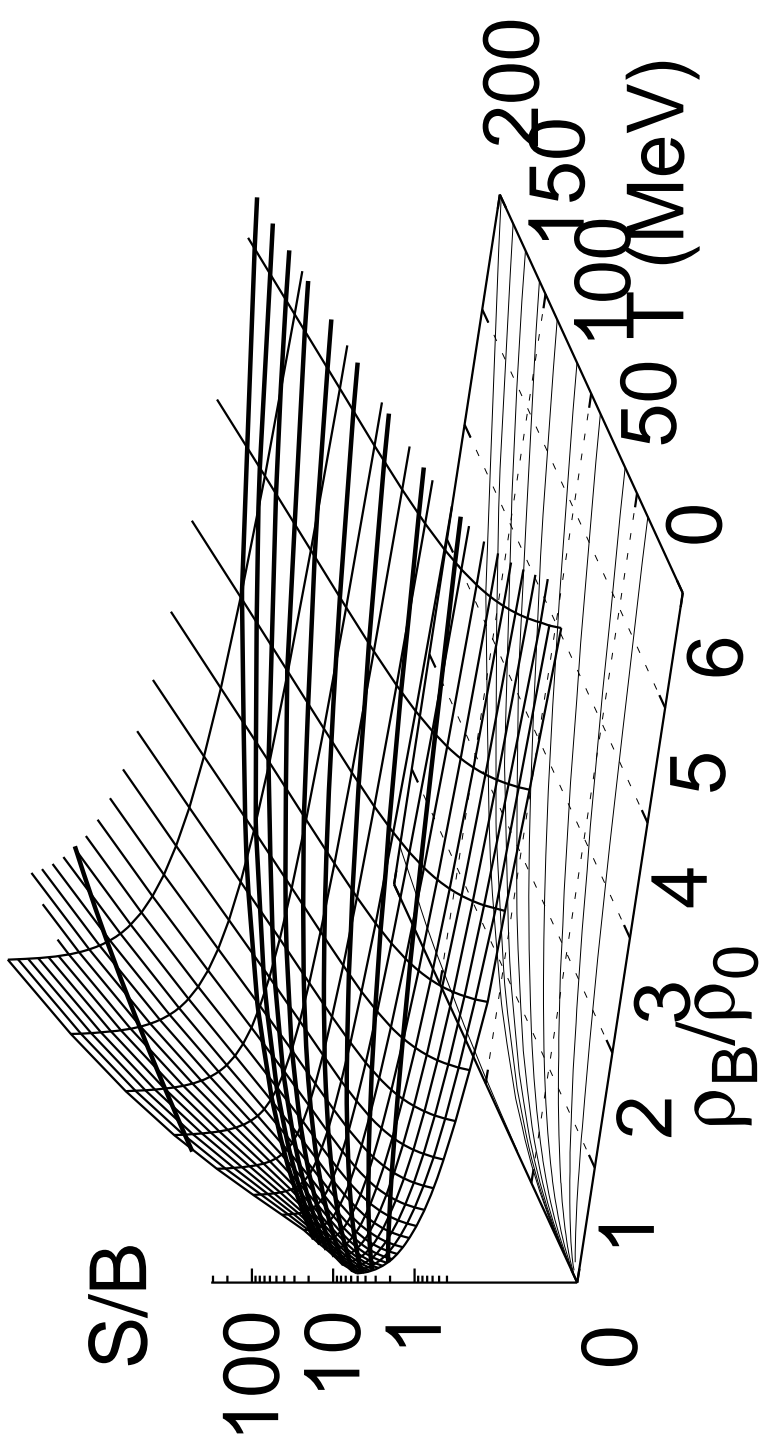
- Lepton to Baryon Ratio: $Y_l \equiv N_l/B = (0.3 - 0.4)$
(Takatsuka)
- Entropy per Baryon: S/B
← Initial (ρ_B, T) in Supernova Simulation
Example: $\rho_B/\rho_0 = (5 - 8)\rho_0, T = (50 - 80) \text{ MeV}$

★ Constituents

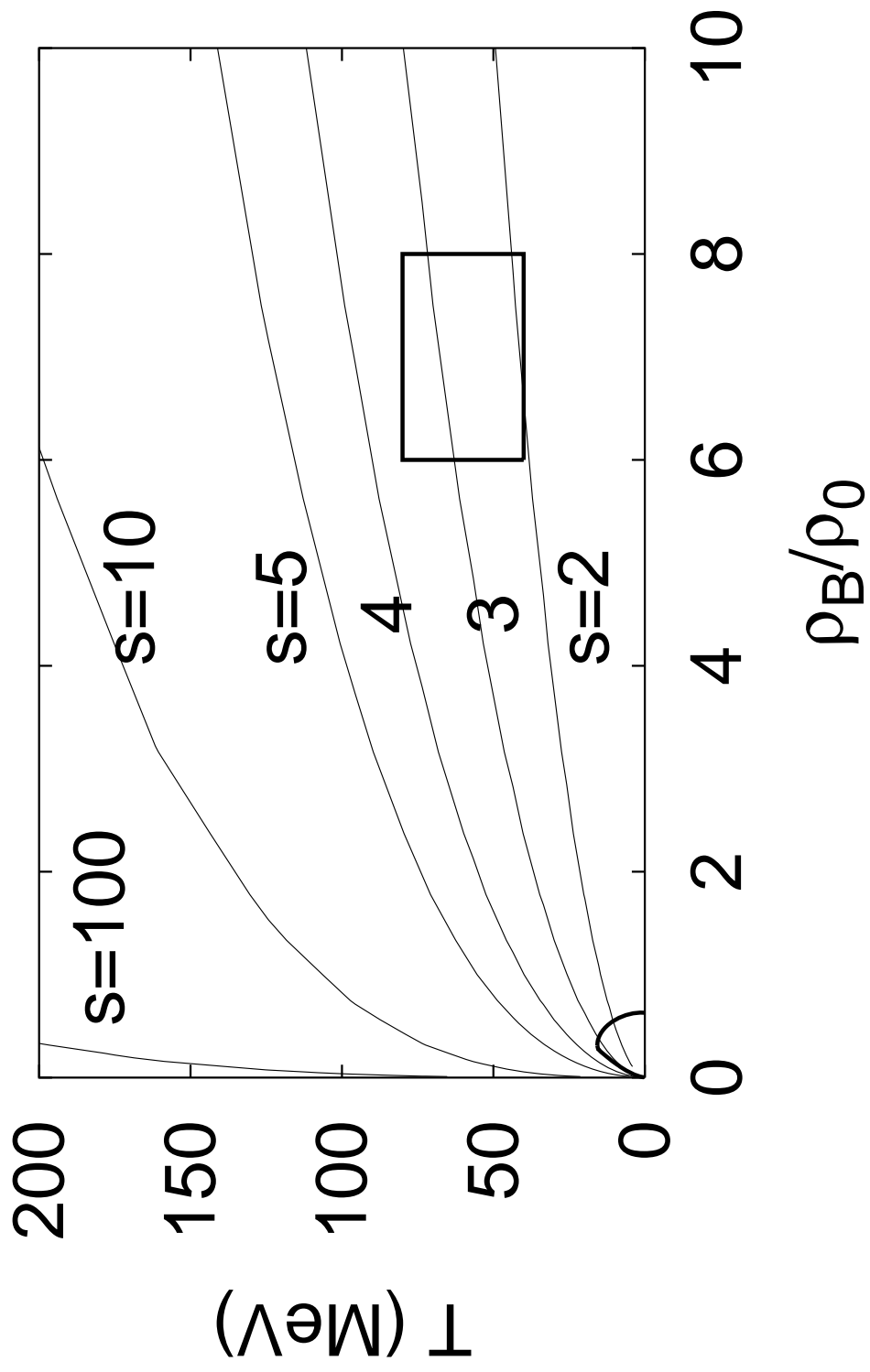
- $n, p, e, \nu_e, \mu, \nu_\mu, \dots$
- π

→ **Does it hit Spinodal Region ?**

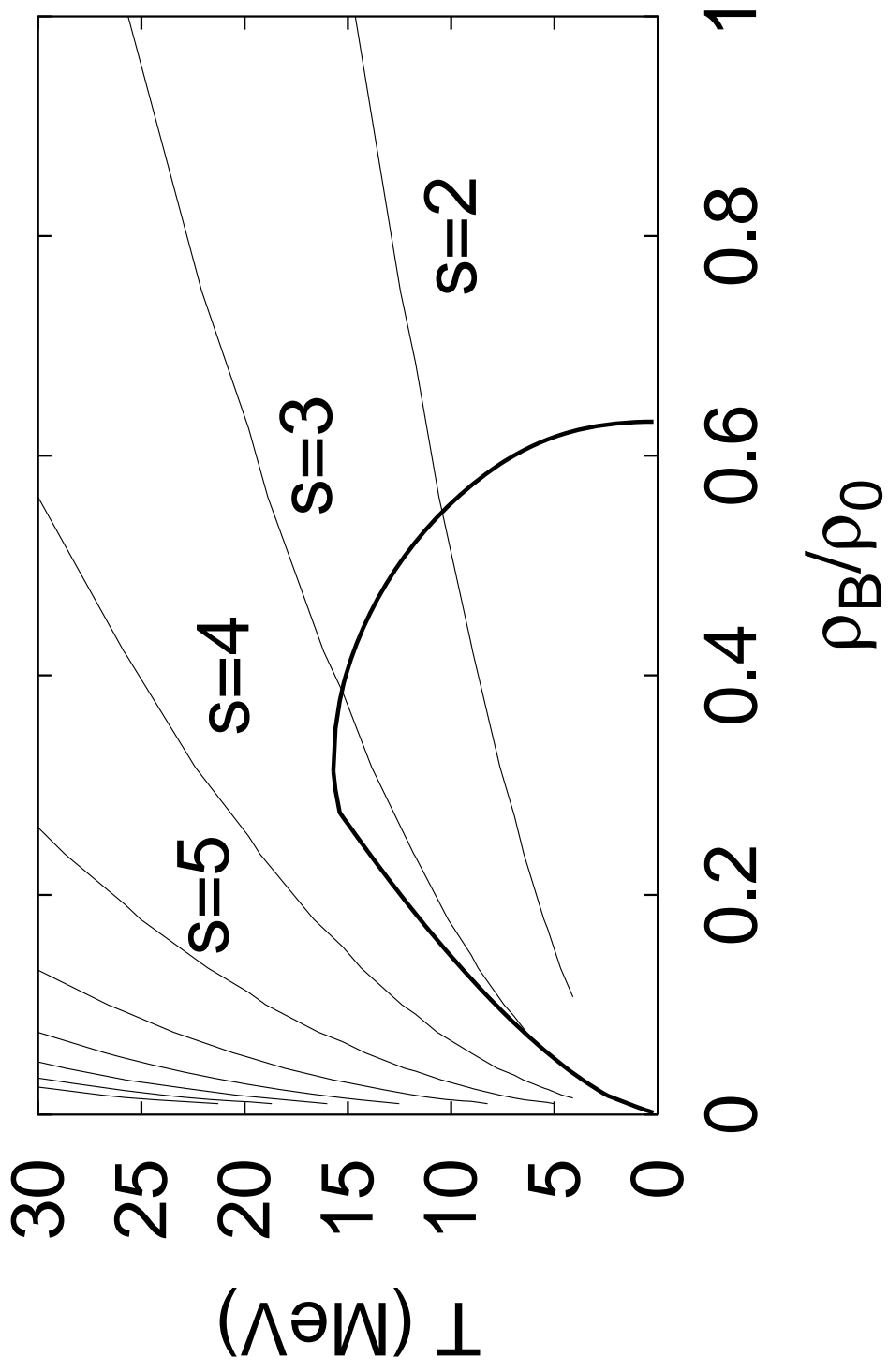
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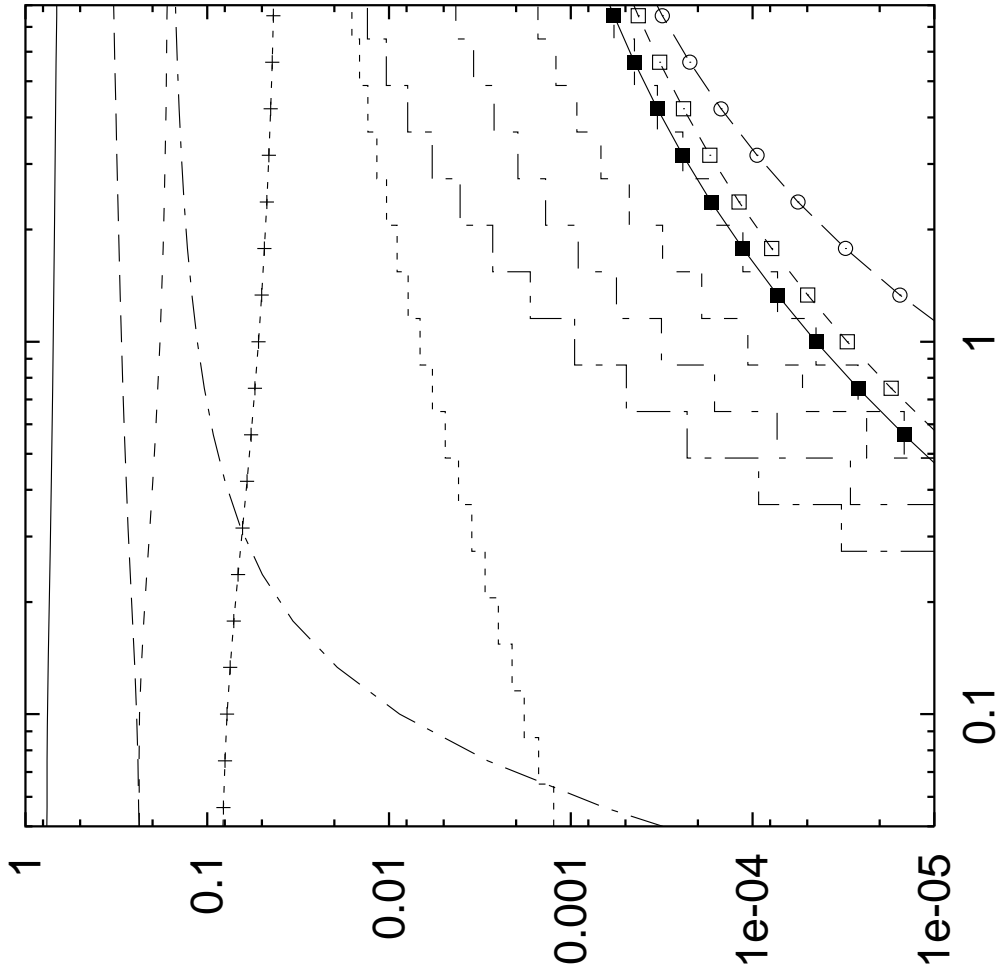
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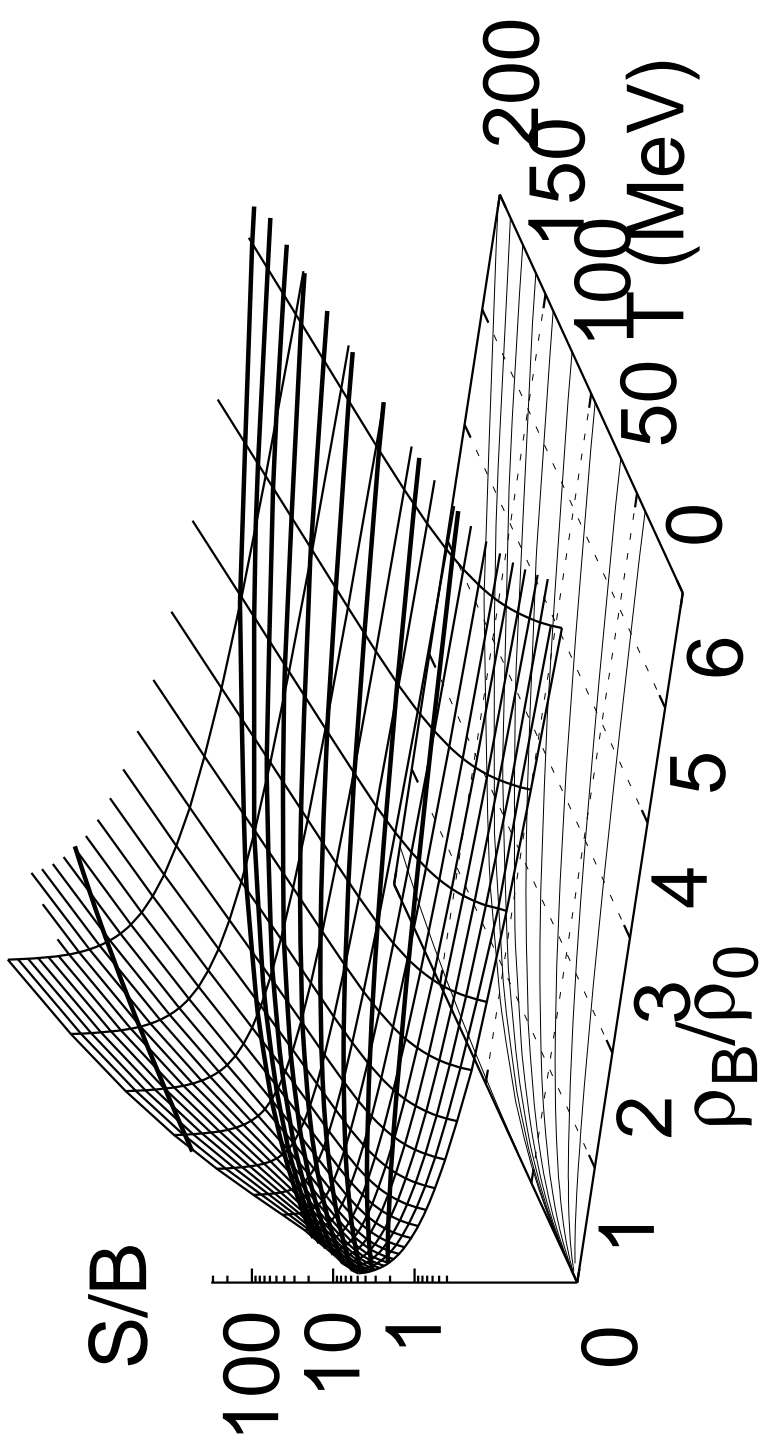


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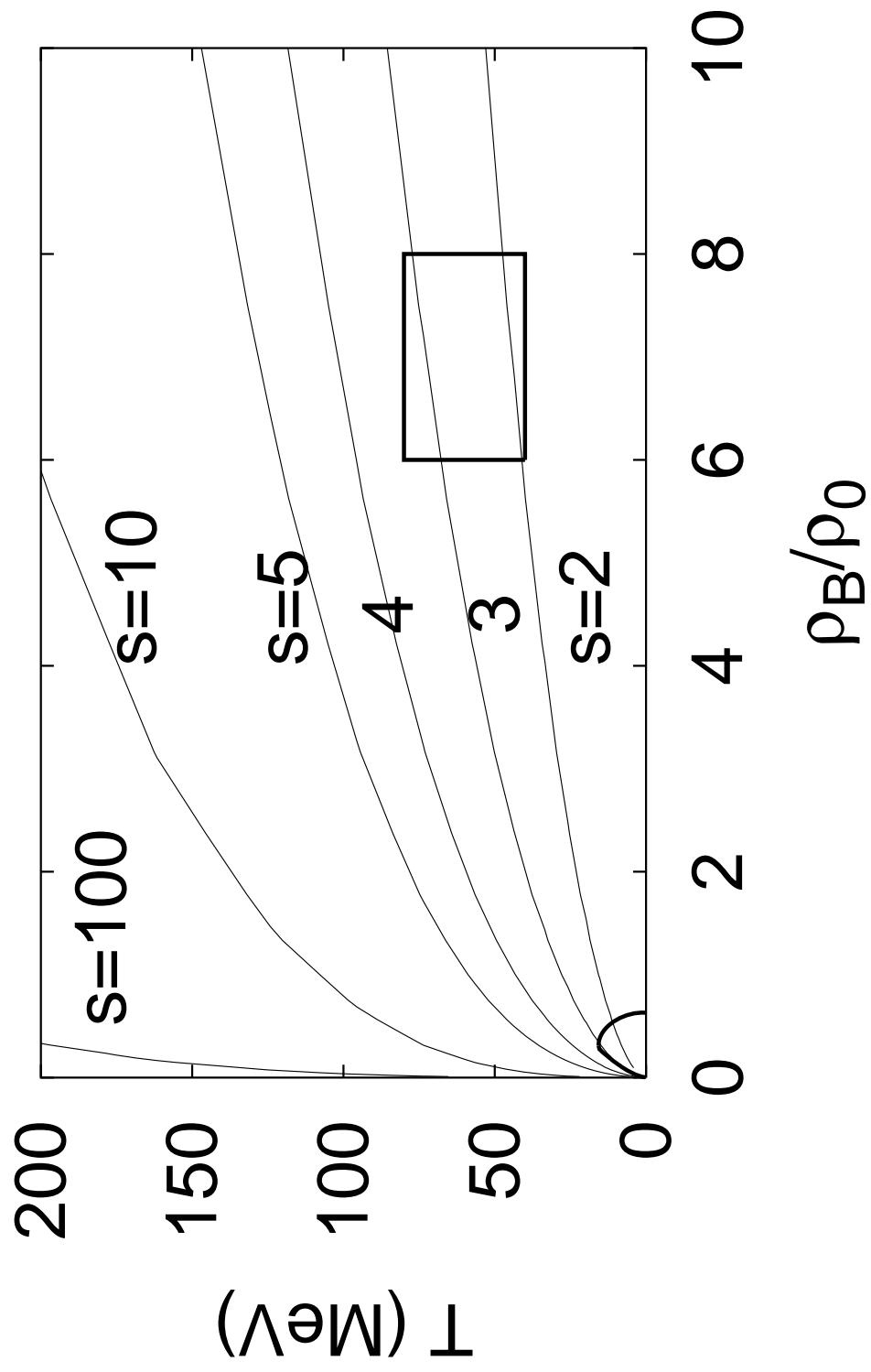


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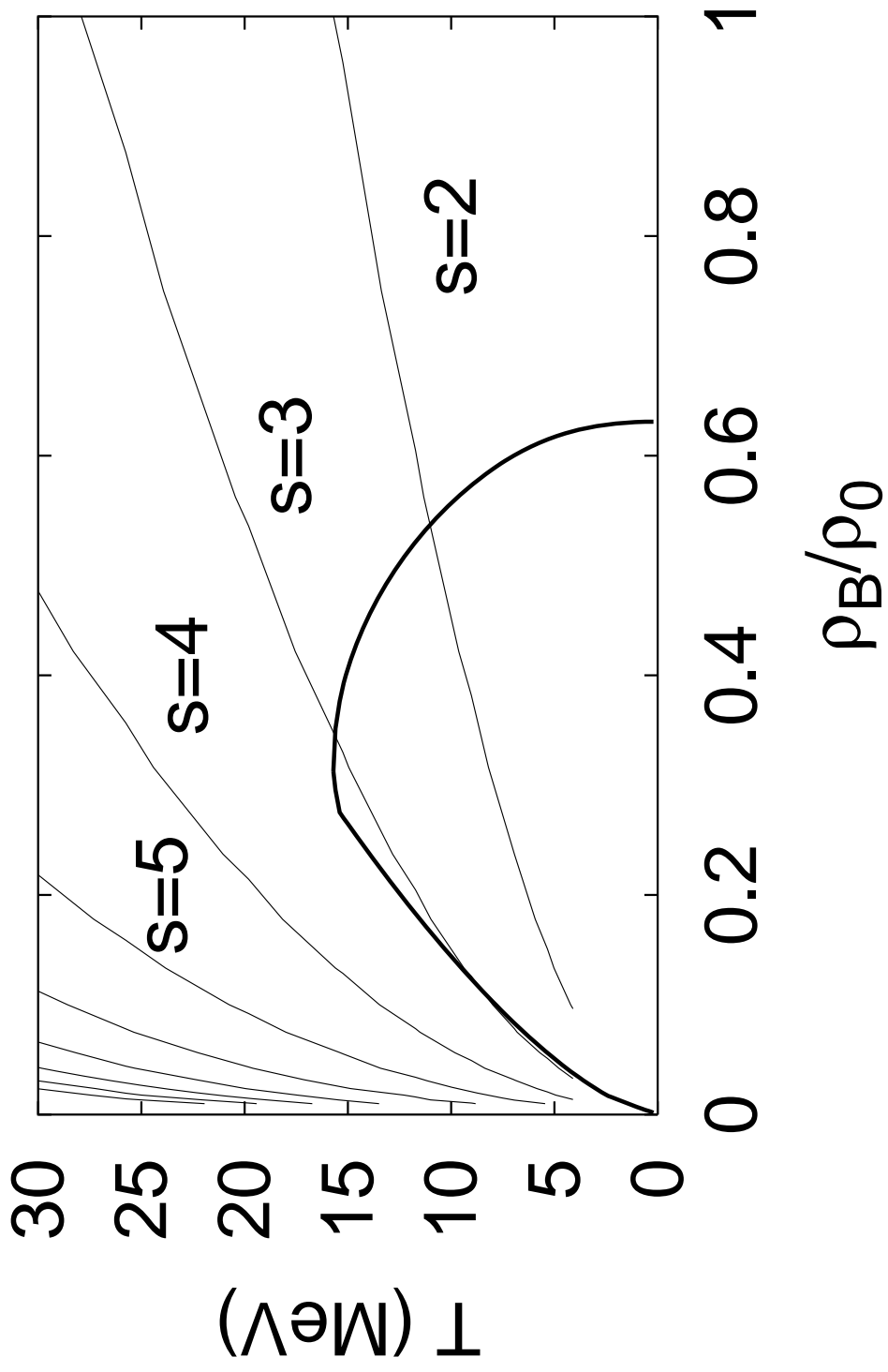
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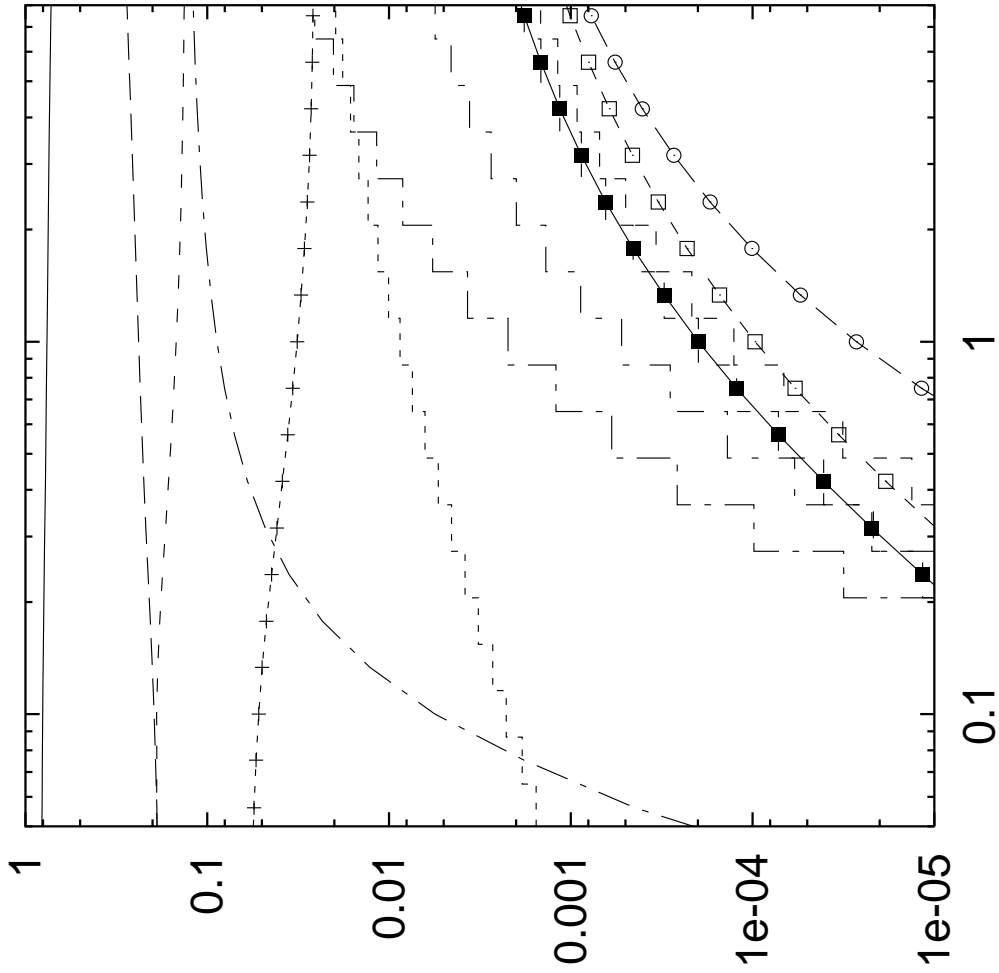
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- nu_e
- mu-
- nu_mu
- n-bar
- p-bar
- e+
- nu_e-bar
- mu+
- nu_mu-bar
- photon
- pi-
- pi0
- pi+

Summary and Discussion

• Summary

1. Heavy Elements production

through Nuclear Liquid-Gas phase transition
at around the surface of Supernova Core (**LG process**)
may be important.

★ *A* Distribution in the Universe

★ Phase Diagram of Nuclear Matter

2. Simple Model Calculation

★ $Y_l, S/B$ are constant along the path

★ Critical Temperature of Nuclear LGpt

$$T_c \simeq 16 \text{ MeV}$$

→ Adiabatic Path hits Spinodal Region

for $Y_l > 0.35, S/B < 3.5$

(c.f. $S/B = (110 - 400)$ in standard scenarios)

● Discussion

1. Asymmetry dependence of T_c :

- ★ Weak in the range $Y \equiv (N - Z)/A < 0.4$
(Chomaz and Gulminelli 1999)

2. T_c : How High ?

- ★ Skyrme int.: $T_c \simeq 16$ MeV for **Symmetric Matter**
- ★ GSI-Aladin: $T_c \simeq 5$ MeV for **Finite Nuclei**
- ★ Instability from α boiling (Ohta and Abe)
- ★ Microcan. AMD-MF (Sugawa and Horiuchi)
- ★ Canonical QL (Ohnishi and Randrup)
- ★ ...

3. Importance of Density Fluctuation

- ★ Static: Negele-Vautherin (1973), Oyamatsu(1993), Maruyama et al.(1998)
- ★ Non-Static: Kajino-Mathews-Boyd (QCD)

● To do...(→ Chikako Ishizuka)

1. Dynamics: Supernova Simulation

2. Mean Field Effects

3. Fragmentation and Entropy Production

4. After burner: Combination with the Standard r-process