## Exploring high-density baryonic matter in J-PARC-HI Project

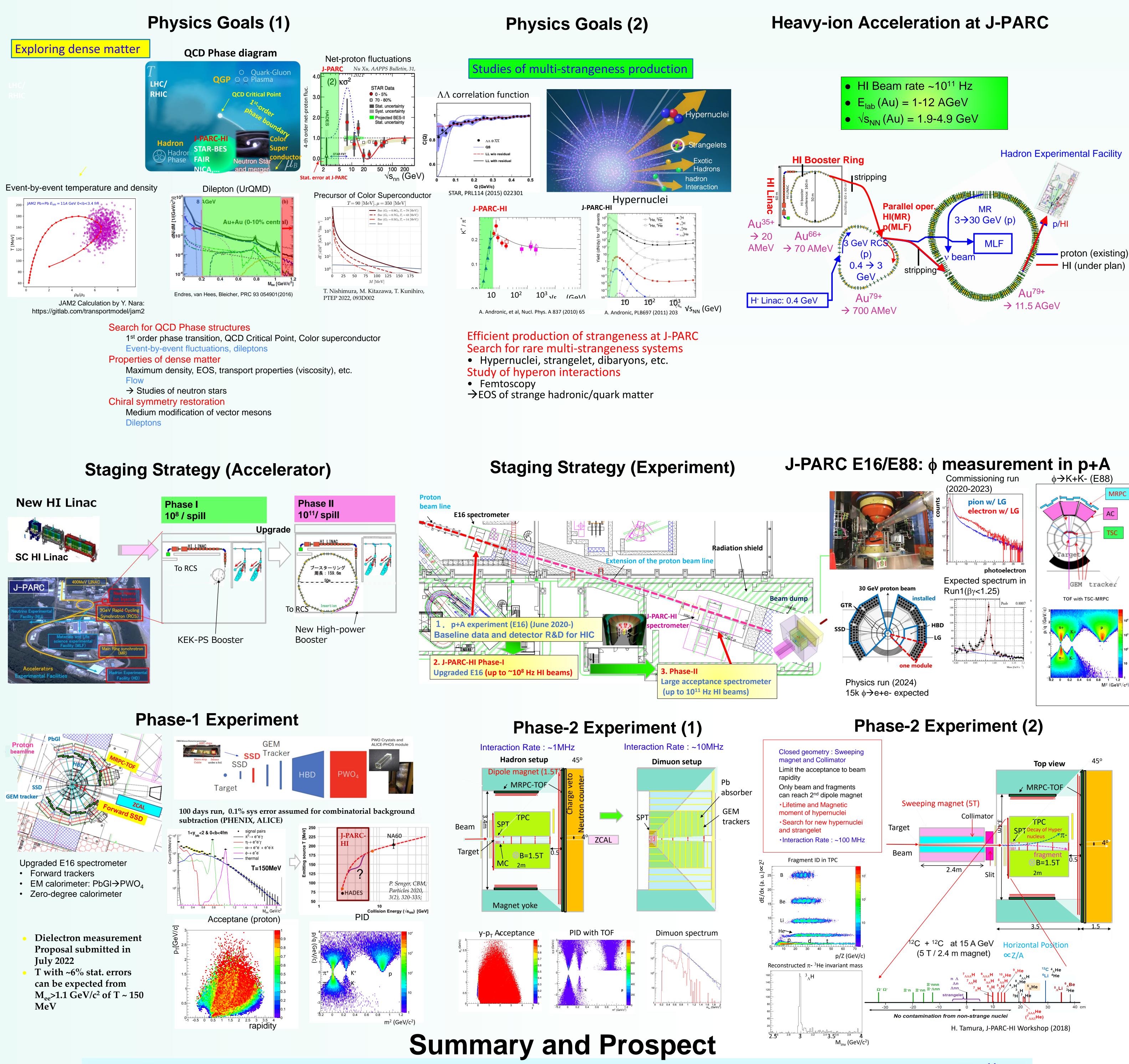
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**Abstract:** We are planning to accelerate world's high-intensity heavy-ion beams at J-PARC. We will build a new compact heavy-ion linac and a booster ring as an injector, while we utilize the existing RCS and MR synchrotrons to accelerate up to 10<sup>11</sup> Hz heavy-ion beams at 1-12 AGeV/c. We will explore QCD phase structures in a high-density regime such as the first-order phase boundary, the QCD critical point, and color superconducting phases. We also search for various multi-strangeness particles/nuclei and study hadron interactions including strangeness. We develop a staging strategy with the existing primary proton beamline and the J-PARC E16 spectrometer (Phase 1), and with the upgraded booster ring, the extension of the proton beam line, and the construction of the new large-acceptance spectrometer (Phase 2). We show the status of the dilepton measurements in p+A at J-PARC E16, and the experimental design and physics feasibility for dilepton and hadron measurements at Phase 1 and Phase 2.



J-PARC-HI: Studies of QCD phase structures at high density and multi-strangeness systems with world's highest-rate HI beam of 10<sup>11</sup> Hz Measurements of fluctuations, dileptons, and multi-strangeness systems

Staging strategy: p+A at E16 → A+A at Upgraded E16 (Phase 1) → Large acceptance spectrometer (Phase 2)

 $\phi \rightarrow$  e+e- experiment in p+A (E16) started in 2020.

 $\phi \rightarrow K+K-$  in p+A (E88) proposed (July 2021)

Aiming for the start of the Phase-1 experiment after the extension of J-PARC Hadron Experimental Facility