The Importance of a New Forward p+A(A+A) Program at RHIC and Its Impacts on Future e+A Physics

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• Key Physics Questions

- Parton propagation, energy loss and hadronization in CNM
- CNM and QGP effects in Forward rapidity in p+A and A+A
- Modification of parton distributions inside the nucleus



Rich Forward CNM Physics in p+A: p+A \neq e+A



Critical to have p+A, better kinematics and precision. With e+A, fully explore the initial and final state dE/dx and other CNM contributions to QGP effects in A+A Ming Liu, QCD Townhall 2014

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Why Explore QGP in Forward Rapidity?

Longitudinal expansion of QGP, least explored

- Expect different mix of CNM and QGP
- Hadrons, Drell-Yan, Jets etc. in eta up to ~ 4.
- R_{AA} , Vn, Correlations in large rapidity
- Many interesting puzzles in forward rapidity pA & AA
- Scaling of " v_2 " in the forward rapidity, why?
 - Little energy dependence, from 20GeV to 2.8 TeV
 - Is Hydro flow the only source of V_n ? Other physics?
- Strong energy dependence of R_{cn}
 - Believed due to different mix of CNM and QGP effects, same at large rapidity?
 - Important for QCD Critical point search



A proposed new EIC detector at RHIC with forward physics capability





Backup slides

Forward Transverse Spin Physics Proposal at RHIC -1 < eta < 4

