Confirming RHIC saturation signals at the LHC

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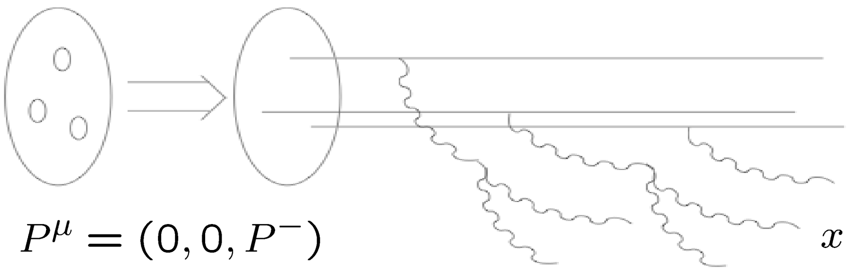
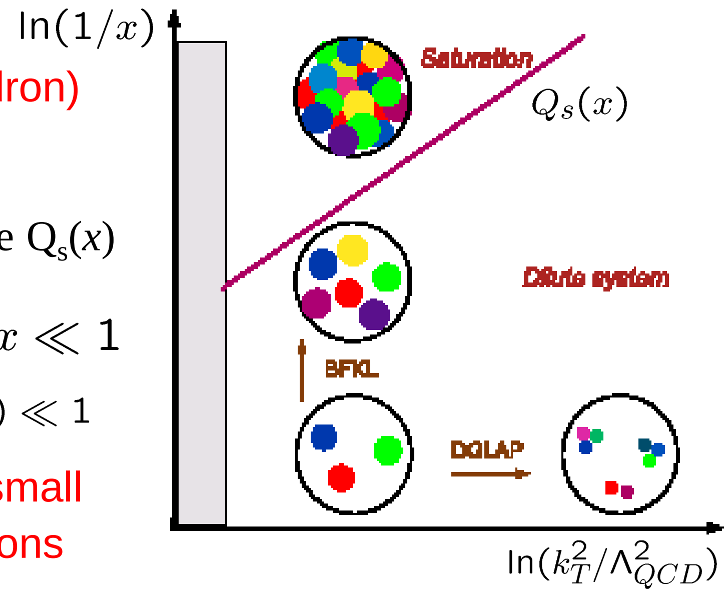
Map of parton evolution in QCD



x : parton longitudinal momentum fraction

k_T : parton transverse momentum

the distribution of partons as a function of x and k_T :



QCD linear evolutions: $k_T \gg Q_s$

DGLAP evolution to larger k_T (and a more dilute hadron)

BFKL evolution to smaller x (and denser hadron)

dilute/dense separation characterized by the saturation scale $Q_s(x)$

QCD non-linear evolution: $k_T \sim Q_s$ meaning $x \ll 1$

this regime is non-linear yet weakly coupled: $\alpha_s(Q_s^2) \ll 1$

collinear factorization does not apply when x is too small and the hadron has become a dense system of partons

$$\sigma_{DIS}(x_{Bj}, Q^2) = \sum_{partons\ a} \int_{x_{Bj}}^{1} dx\, \varphi_{a/p}(x, Q^2)\, \hat{\sigma}_a(x_{Bj}/x, Q^2) + O\left(Q_0^2/Q^2\right)$$

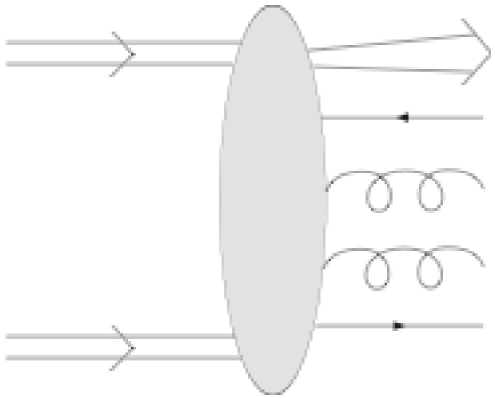
parton density ↓ partonic cross-section ↓ higher twist ↓ → $\frac{(A/x)^{1/3}}{Q^2}$

Saturation signal #1:

forward rapidity suppression of the nuclear modification factor in p+A vs p+p

Single inclusive hadron production

forward rapidities probe small values of *x*

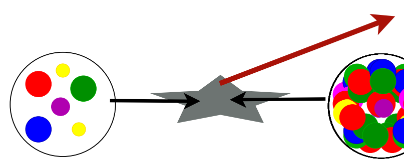


transverse momentum k_T, rapidity $y > 0$

values of x probed in the process:

$$x_1 = M_T\, e^{y}/\sqrt{s} \qquad x_2 = M_T\, e^{-y}/\sqrt{s}$$

$$M_T^2 = (k_T/z)^2 + m_h^2$$



large-x parton from proj. (pdf)

small-x glue from target (CGC)

$$\frac{dN_h}{dy_h\, d^2p_t} = \frac{K}{(2\pi)^2}\sum_q \int_{x_F}^{1} \frac{dz}{z^2}\Big[x_1 f_{q\,/\,p}(x_1,p_t^2)\,\tilde{N}_F\left(x_2,\frac{p_t}{z}\right) D_{h\,/\,q}(z,p_t^2) + x_1 f_{g\,/\,p}(x_1,p_t^2)\,\tilde{N}_A\left(x_2,\frac{p_t}{z}\right) D_{h\,/\,g}(z,p_t^2)\Big]$$

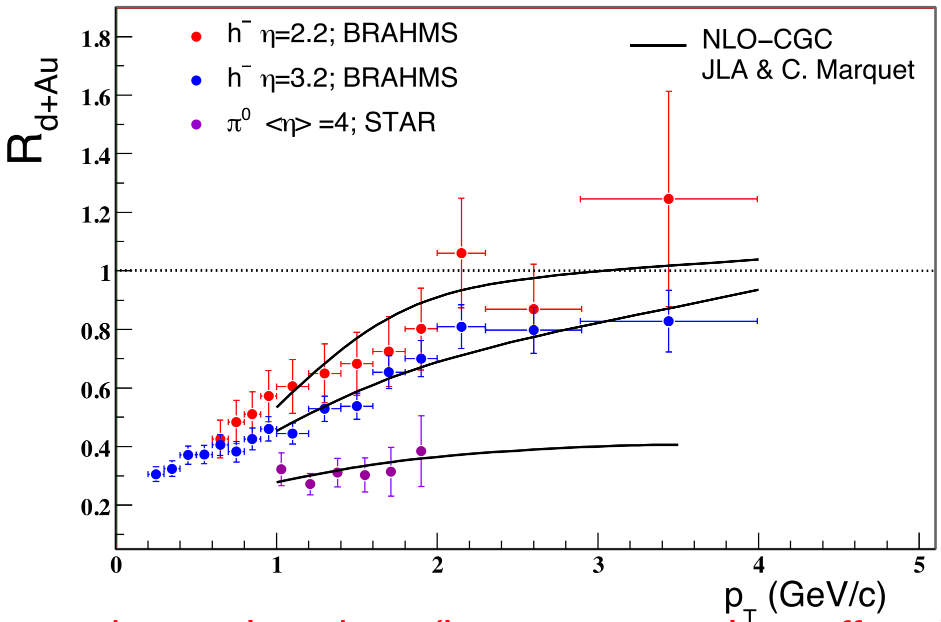
fragmentation

Nuclear modification factor

$R_{dA} = 1$ in the absence of nuclear effects, i.e. if the gluons in the nucleus interact incoherently as in A protons

$$R_{dA} = \frac{1}{N_{coll}} \frac{\dfrac{dN^{dA\to hX}}{d^2k\,dy}}{\dfrac{dN^{pp\to hX}}{d^2k\,dy}}$$

the suppressed production ($R_{dA} < 1$) was predicted in the Color Glass Condensate picture, along with the rapidity dependence



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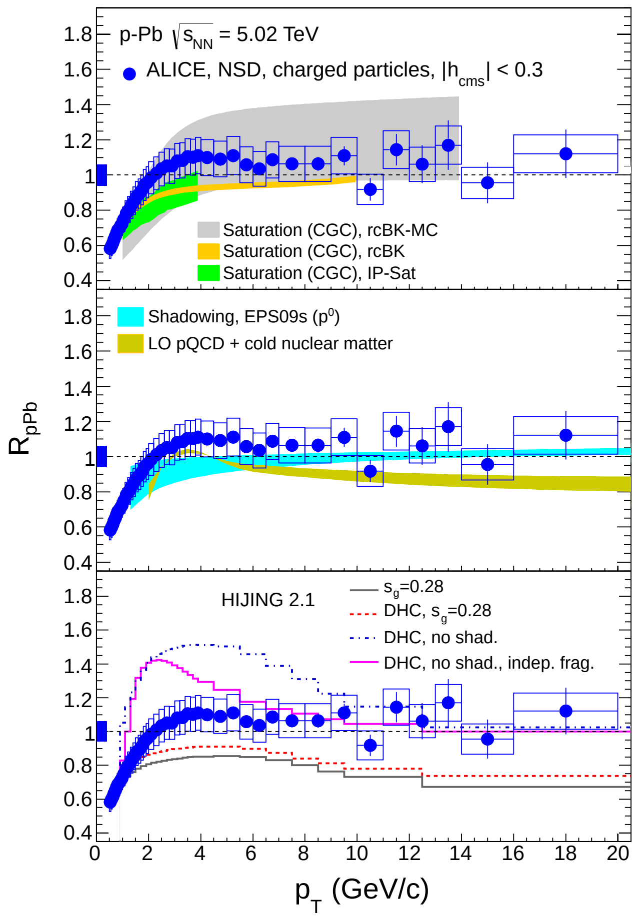
note: alternative explanations (large-x energy loss effects) have been proposed

Kopeliovich et al (2005), Frankfurt et al (2007)

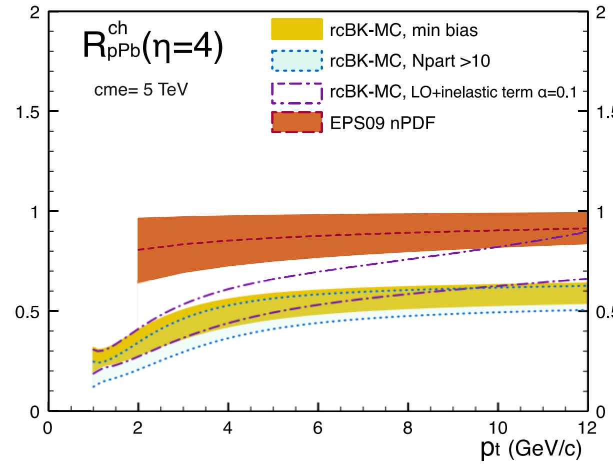
p+Pb @ the LHC

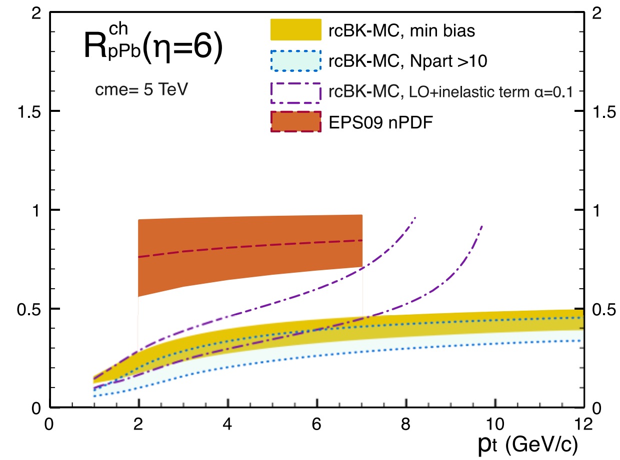
- mid-rapidity data



good description but not much non-linear effects

- predictions for forward rapidities

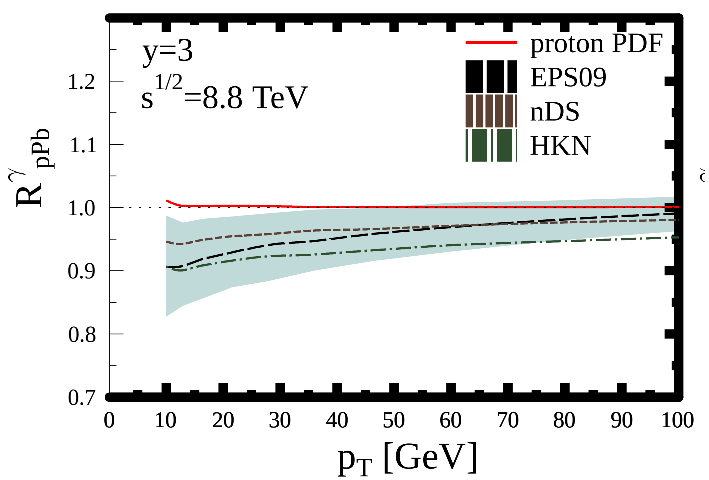




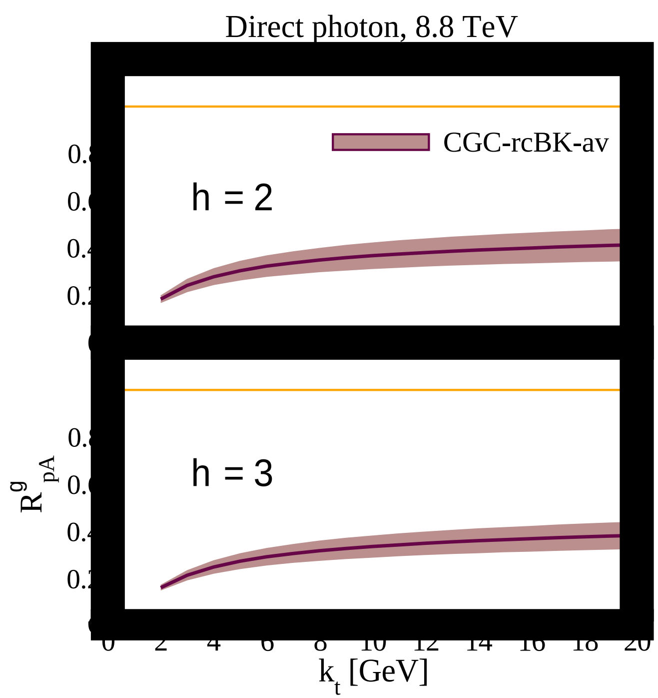
strong non-linear effects

Best way to confirm R_{pA} suppression at the LHC

- isolated photons at forward rapidities
  - no isospin effects in p+Pb vs p+p (contrary to d+Au vs p+p at RHIC)
  - smallest possible x reach: no mass, no fragmentation
  - no cold matter final-state effects (E-loss, …)
  - large EPS09 / CGC difference in forward rapidity predictions



Arleo, Eskola, Paukkunen and Salgado (2011)



Jalilian-Marian and Rezaeian (2012)

Confirmation of forward rapidity R_{pA} suppression:

we should push for the FOCAL upgrade of the ALICE detector

(more details in the Yellow Report)

Saturation signal #2:

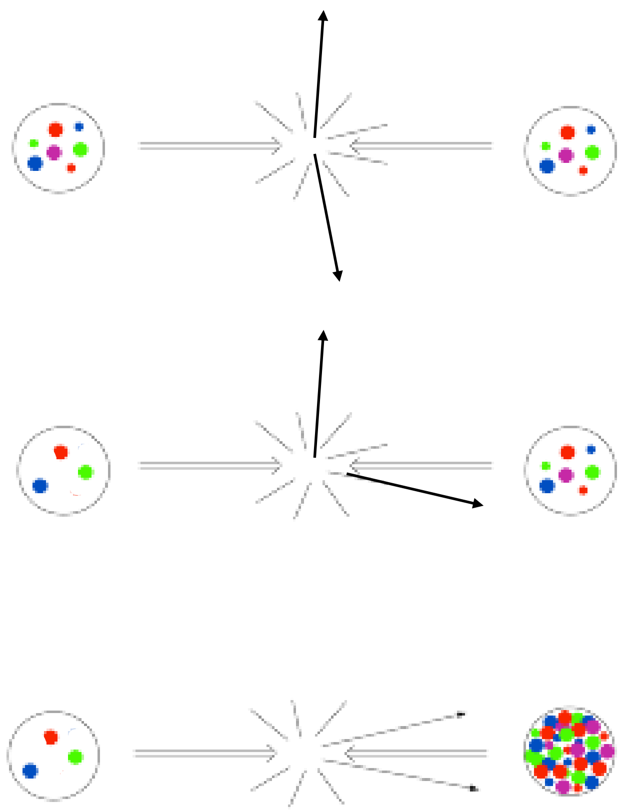
forward rapidity suppression of di-hadron azimuthal correlations in p+A vs p+p

Di-hadron final-state kinematics

final state : $k_1, y_1 \quad k_2, y_2$

$$x_p = \frac{k_1\, e^{y_1} + k_2\, e^{y_2}}{\sqrt{s}} \qquad x_A = \frac{k_1\, e^{-y_1} + k_2\, e^{-y_2}}{\sqrt{s}}$$

scanning the wave functions:



$$x_p \sim x_A < 1$$

central rapidities probe moderate x

x_p increases | x_A ~ unchanged

$$x_p \sim 1,\, x_A < 1$$

forward/central doesn't probe much smaller x

x_p ~ unchanged | x_A decreases

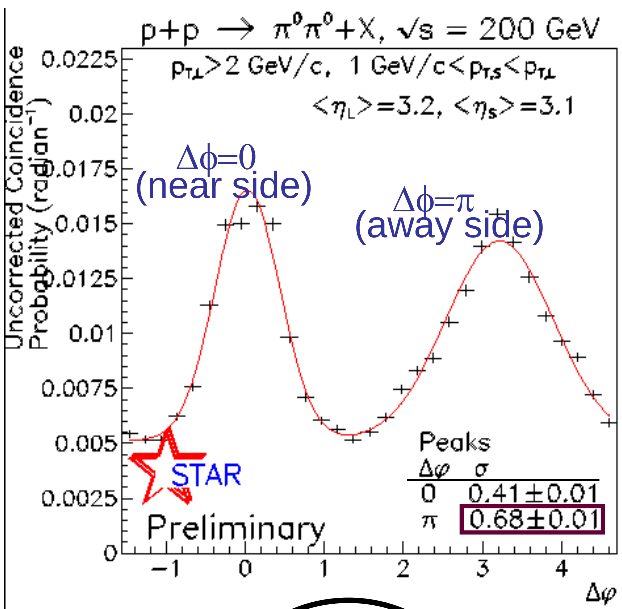
$$x_p \sim 1,\, x_A << 1$$

forward rapidities probe small x

Di-hadron angular correlations

comparisons between d+Au → h_1 h_2 X (or p+Au → h_1 h_2 X) and p+p → h_1 h_2 X

p+p collisions



$$\frac{1}{N_{trig}} \frac{dN_{pair}}{d\Delta\varphi}$$

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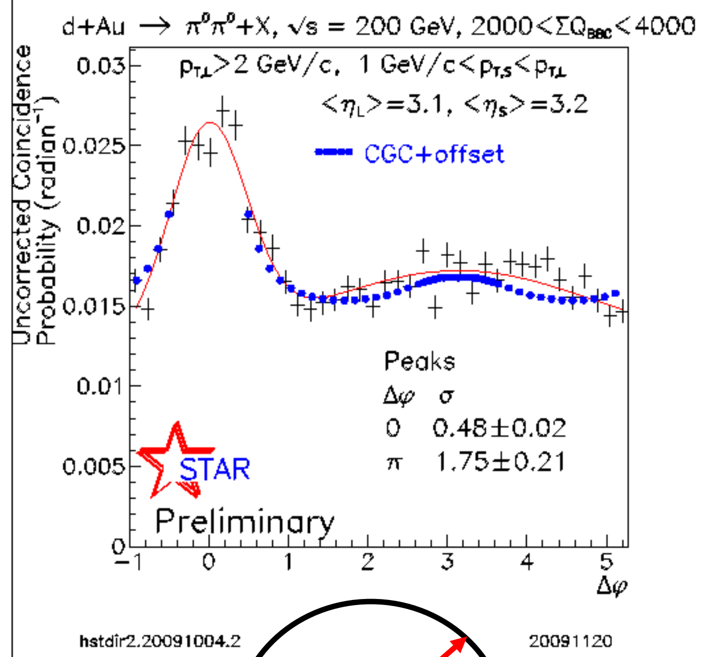
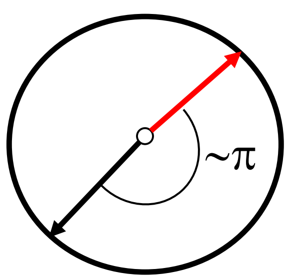
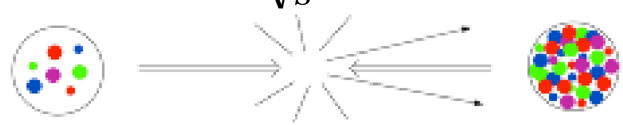
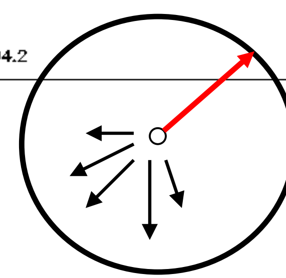
central d+Au collisions





$$x_A = \frac{k_1\, e^{-y_1} + k_2\, e^{-y_2}}{\sqrt{s}} \ll 1$$



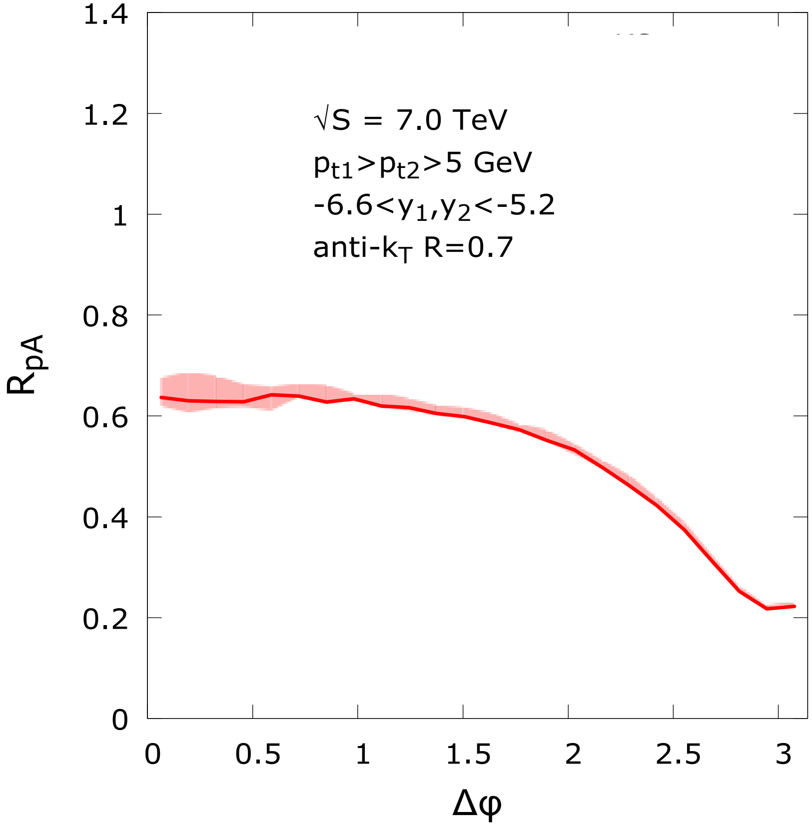


however, when $y_1 \sim y_2 \sim 0$ (and therefore $x_A \sim 0.03$),
the p+p and d+Au curves are almost identical

R_{pA} of forward-forward di-jets

- at the LHC this can be done with di-jets!

strong nuclear modification predicted due to strong non-linear effects



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the kinematics for this plot are chosen assuming that the di-jets are detected using the CASTOR detector

for detection in the central part of CMS (i.e. 3<y<5), R_{pA} goes from 1 to 0.6 with increasing $\Delta\varphi$

Confirmation of forward-forward azimuthal decorrelation:

we should push for p+Pb data taking with ZDC+T2+CASTOR

Conclusions

- Fundamental consequence of QCD dynamics:

  - at asymptotically small x/large A, QCD evolution becomes non-linear

- Non-linear evolution of gluon density in Au at RHIC:

  - suppression of single hadron production in d+Au vs p+p

  - suppression of back-to-back correlations of di-hadrons in d+Au vs p+p

- Awaiting more LHC p+Pb forward rapidity data (so far only quarkonia which are not the best probe of saturation physics)

- The most sensitive measurements could be done with FOCAL upgrade of ALICE (isolated photons) and p+Pb data taking with ZDC-T2-CASTOR (forward-forward dijets)