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Measurement of the anomalous magnetic moment in ultraperipheral collisions with ALICE at the LHC

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The measurement of the anomalous magnetic moment of leptons a_l provides a sensitive test of QED and allows one to test for the existence of New Physics (NP) beyond the Standard Model. Since the NP effect is expected to scale with m_l^2 , the tauon with its heavy mass promises to be the most suitable lepton for such a test. However, due to its short lifetime, the spin precessing methods used to determine $a_{e,\mu}$ with high accuracy cannot be applied in this case. Alternatively, one can exploit the fact that the $\gamma - \tau$ vertex is sensitive to a_{τ} , such as in the $\gamma + \gamma \rightarrow \tau + \tau$ process. Ultraperipheral PbPb collisions (UPCs) at the LHC provide a clean environment to study two-photon induced processes. In this talk, we discuss the prospects of measuring a_{τ} in UPCs with ALICE at the LHC with data from the ongoing Run 3 data campaign.

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