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Feasibility of tau g-2 measurements in ultra-peripheral collisions of heavy ions

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Anomalous magnetic moment of the tau lepton, $a_{\tau}=(g_{\tau}-2)/2$, is a sensitive probe of new physics but is extremely difficult to measure precisely in contrast to electron and muon moments. The best experimental limits were set by the DELPHI collaboration more than 15 years ago in the studies of the ditau production in the $e^+e^- \to e^+e^-\tau^+\tau^-$ process. Ultra-peripheral collisions (UPC) of heavy ions at the LHC may provide a unique opportunity to improve the a_{τ} constraints in the studies of Pb + Pb \to Pb + Pb $\tau^+\tau^-$ process. We review recent proposals to study ditau production via semi-leptonic tau decays in Pb-Pb UPC with the available ATLAS and CMS data and discuss feasibility to explore this process down to low transverse momenta of decay leptons with ALICE and LHCb detectors.

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