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Anomalous Higgs and Triple Gauge Couplings in the Effective Field Theory Approach (15' + 5')

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Given many possible forms that physics Beyond the Standard Model (BSM) could take, it is important to pursue a bottom-up approach in which as few assumptions as possible about the BSM sector are made. In this talk, we present a combined analysis of LHC Run-I Higgs data (signal strengths) together with LEP-II WW production measurements. To characterize possible deviations from the Standard Model (SM) predictions, we employ the framework of an Effective Field Theory (EFT) where the SM is extended by higher-dimensional operators suppressed by the mass scale of new physics Λ . Working under this hypothesis, important relations among Higgs and electroweak precision observables occur.

We perform the first consistent analysis at the order Λ^{-2} in the EFT expansion keeping all the relevant operators.

While the two data sets suffer from flat directions, together they impose stringent model-independent constraints on the anomalous couplings, thus showing the importance of global analysis in the EFT framework. As a side product, we provide the results of the combined fit in different EFT bases.

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