

Global EFT fits on LHC data – some thoughts

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A new LHC WG

An experimental contribution ...

In this meeting, we should clarify the boundaries and interfaces between this new group, the existing topical LHC WGs and the LHC experiments

Mandate: standard EFT basis

The group has a potentially very important role in defining a consensuated common basis for “global” EFT fits.

Not just to avoid that a lot of our own time and energy is wasted. The stability and clarity of the “basis” are crucial aspects if we are to present the legacy LHC results to a non-HEP audience.



The LHC top WG document – arXiv:1802.07237 - is a good example
(note again: clearly dominated by theorists)

Converge to a standard basis that accounts for the interplay between top/Higgs/EW
(see E. Vryonidou's talk on Wednesday).

Corollary: define standard reduced operator bases - under certain assumptions or in certain BSM scenarios - while the LHC data cannot overconstrain the complete basis

Mandate: best practice for public data

Who will perform the “global” fit for the LHC?
The experiments? This WG? Ad-hoc fitter collaborations?

Whichever option prevails, this group has an important role in prescribing best practices for public data formats (and the authority to enforce them)

LHC data is unique and must be made public in a versatile, accessible format with the best possible shelf-life (HEPDATA? STXS? ...).

Repeat fits (on 7,8,13 TeV data) as theory improves, combine with new non-LHC data

This information must include information that is not currently (routinely) available outside the experiments, such as the effect on the acceptance of non-zero EFT operator coefficients, the relation with background nuisance parameters, and the relevant EFT operator information...